

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

February 20, 2015

Members in Attendance: Chris Camene, Gary Maddox, Joseph Matovu, Pat Chambers, Donna Borgmeyer, Nancy Pope, Kathy Kay, Jim Brinkmann; On phone: Debbie Peabody, Gloria Boyer, Tina Vinson, Jennifer Williams

Members not in attendance: none

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Nancy Murphy, DCIL; Dennis Atkins, DCAI; Kim Gee, VR; Tonya Fambro, VR; JC Dollar, MERIL; Julie DeJean, TWP; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Jennifer Gundy, OMO; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; OIL Staff; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Norma Moore

Agenda

Chris Camene called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Chris asked for a review of the agenda.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Chris Camene asked for a review of the minutes from the November 2014 Council Meeting. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. Kathy Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Chair Report – Chris Camene

Chris discussed the Youth Leadership Forum. She has been participating on the planning committee. The conference will be in July.

Chris reported on the SILC Congress she attended with three other SILC members in January. There was a lot of information presented on the move from RSA to CLA and the development of the new independent living administration.

DSE Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

VR has teams working on the new WIOA changes and a unified state plan. The unified state plan will be due March 2016 to be in effect July 2016. VR is anticipating the new federal regulations to be out the spring of 2015.

The VR annual report is available online.

VR has requested an additional \$455,000 in IL funding this year. VR is waiting to see what the final budget will be after the legislature approves it.

Tonya Fambro gave an update on the on-site compliance training held on February 19. There were sixteen out of twenty-two centers that attended the training.

The IL staff will be updating the IL grant application and it will be posted on the website.

Gloria Boyer discussed the need for scanners at the VR district offices.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB has been planning changes for the new WIOA administration. RSB's budget will be flat funded again. The client-based programs are on target for meeting the goals for this year. RSB has been involved with the Youth Leadership Forum and emergency management planning.

NCIL Report – Chris Camene

Chris Camene discussed the NCIL annual conference. The registration information is on their website. There will be an on-site NCIL conference in St. Louis in April.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

The SRC quarterly meeting in February was cancelled due to weather. The next meeting will be May 7. Four new members were appointed to the council. The SRC will be holding public hearings in March.

RSB Advisory Council

No report. The SILC discussed Donna Borgmeyer to be the SILC representative.

APRIL Report

No report.

MFP Report

Chris Camene gave a brief report. MFP exceeded their goal numbers for successful transitions last year. The goal was 140 transitions and there were 161. This year the target goal will be 165 transitions. MFP Legislative Day is March 3.

Leslie Anderson discussed the MFP referral process.

DHSS Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee met to review expenditures from the last quarter. Pat reported on the balance and activity of the 501c3 account. There will be a new report in the SILC member folders that includes the 501c3 account activity and balance. This account will be used for Council expenses, the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarship, and IL Summit expenses. Also included in the folders this time are the new financial policies and procedures and the purchase request forms.

Executive Committee – Chris Camene

The committee met to discuss the new WIOA changes coming. The committee discussed the letter to be written to the Governor about the designated state entity (DSE) which right now is Vocational Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Services for the Blind. The letter will be written to express the need to keep Vocational Rehabilitation as the DSE. The letter will show a consensus by the centers for independent living as well as the SILC.

Under the new WIOA language, the next state plan for independent living (SPIL) will be approved by at least 51% of the CILs and the SILC.

The committee recommends that the SILC have a vendor booth at the Power Up conference in April. The council voted and approved the recommendation. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve up to two SILC members to attend the Power Up conference. Pat Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council. Donna Borgmeyer mentioned she would be interested in attending.

Chris discussed the SILC committees and the need for a nominating committee and recruitment for SILC members. Gary Maddox volunteered to chair the nominating committee. Pat Chambers made a motion to create a nominating committee. Kathy Kay seconded the motion. There was discussion on the recruiting needs for the SILC. The council voted and approved the motion. There was one abstention and one vote of nay. There was additional discussion of committee budgets and the appointment of new members. Pat Chambers volunteered to be on the new committee.

Chris discussed the issue of getting CIL staff to attend the SILC meetings. The committee discussed using presentations or trainings to add to the council meetings. The idea of having the CILs take turns presenting their best practices at the SILC meetings was discussed.

Pat Chambers discussed the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarship. The information for the next round of scholarships will be sent out in March and due by early May.

Chris discussed the passing of SILC member Dr. David Gray.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Gloria discussed the homeless population, especially in the St. Louis area. Gloria prepared a report on this topic to be shared with the SILC members.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

Pat and members of the Emergency Management Committee met with the SEMA Director and Deputy Director to discuss the FAST training. The director was not aware of the FAST program and said he would meet again in thirty days to discuss it again. There was a meeting on January 30 of the Governor's partnership for disaster response. That was the first meeting in ten months due to SEMA staff turnover. Pat and members of the committee will meet with SEMA again for a follow up on the FAST program.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee has met to plan the webinar on universal design to be held on April 7. Registration for the webinar will be sent out very soon. Nancy asked for everyone to spread the word on the webinar to reach as large an audience as possible.

The committee has reviewed and edited the housing resources on the SILC website. There was discussion on the possibility of creating a list of housing resources.

The committee will participate in advocacy days at the capitol.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee met after the November 2014 SILC meeting to discuss the IL outcomes survey and the statewide needs assessment survey. There were 4,875 responses on the 2014 IL outcomes survey and 1,665 responses on the statewide needs assessment survey. The committee discussed reviewing the survey tools to make sure we are meeting the SPIL goals.

Training Committee – Joseph Matovu

The committee met and discussed postponing the IL Summit to 2016 due to low projected attendance and the need for more time to plan the summit. The committee made a recommendation to postpone the IL Summit to 2016. The council voted and approved the recommendation.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

The committee has met by conference call to discuss the Youth Leadership Forum. Several of the YLF alumni attended the conference call to discuss their experiences with the conference. There have been nine approved applications from youth wanting to attend the conference. They have several applications that are not complete and are pending approval. Dawn Evans is the coordinator for the conference and is on the committee. Debbie Peabody made a motion to have the SILC sponsor four youth participant spots at the Youth Leadership Forum. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. There was discussion on the costs involved with the motion. Debbie Peabody amended her motion from sponsoring four youth participants to two youth participants. Gary Maddox seconded the amendment to the motion. The council approved the motion.

The committee discussed creating local youth councils around the state. The committee feels that this would get more youth involved with independent living and the SILC.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelly Flaughter and the SILC welcomed Donna Borgmeyer back to the SILC as this was her first meeting since her new appointment.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Maddox discussed the need to add into the SPIL the language to show minimum funding amounts needed for the centers for independent living. APRIL has created national minimum funding standards to operate a CIL. Gary Maddox made a motion to add to the next SPIL the minimum CIL funding standards as a goal. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Open Forum

JC Dollar discussed a new treatment program that his son is getting for retinitis pigmentosa.

Jennifer Gundy discussed the CDS and union topics.

Adjourn

Gary Maddox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Chambers. The motion was approved by the council. The next meeting will be on May 15, 2015 in Jefferson City, MO.