

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

February 19, 2015

Members in Attendance: Chris Camene, Pat Chambers, Donna Borgmeyer, Nancy Pope, Gary Maddox, Joseph Matovu, Jim Brinkmann; On phone: Tina Vinson

Members not in attendance: Jennifer Williams, Gloria Boyer, Debbie Peabody

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Tonya Fambro, VR; Kelly Cook, VR; Clarissa Gasper, WILS; Sue Krauss, WILS; Stacey Harmon; Vicki Keller, MERIL; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Shawn Brice, MFP; Julie Steele, WILS; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Jeanne Loyd, VR; Jessica Bax, DHSS; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; Jim Ruedin, DCIL; Kim Gee, VR

Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Donna Borgmeyer called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Donna asked for a review of the agenda. Joseph Matovu made a motion to accept the agenda. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2015 SILC Meeting. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. Gary Maddox asked for clarification and expansion on the November 2015 minutes under the VR report by Kelly Flaughner. Gary suggested adding in that the DSE and the SILC nominations committee chairperson have not been able to get a response from the Governor's Office Boards and Commissions on new appointments or reappointments for the SILC. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Chair Report – Donna Borgmeyer

No report. Donna will give her report under Executive Committee.

DSE Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

The combined state plan public hearings have been scheduled. There are seven scheduled around the state and that information has been sent out by email.

The IL Outcomes report is almost done and will be sent out by email. The 704 report is finished and will be uploaded to the ACL portal next week. This was delayed from the usual December 31 deadline due to the portal not being ready to receive information.

The governor's budget did not include the increase in IL funding recommendations. The House Education Appropriations committee added the funding increase back in the budget. The next step will be for the full Appropriations Committee in the House to approve it. VR asked for an increase in capacity in the budget and so far it has been included.

VR has started a pilot program to address changes in WIOA for subminimum wage. The new law will take effect July 22. This new guideline outlines how people with disabilities ages 18-24, who want to access sheltered workshops, have to be referred to VR services first. The pilot program will work with four sheltered workshops to evaluate people on their waiting list to see if they can benefit from VR services.

Barry Elbasani discussed the summer pre-employment transition program.

Tonya Fambro discussed the IL grants which are due May 13, 2016. There is also the Attachment A which is the summer pre-employment transition program available to CILs that apply by March 28, 2016. There will be a webinar on the Attachment A program for CIL staff.

Kim Gee discussed the CRP program for VR eligible students going in to their final year of high school. This will be six weeks of work-based learning, twenty hours a week with sixteen hours at the job site and four hours of soft skills and they will be paid for their time.

The Transition Institute will be held June 28-30 in Jefferson City.

Kelly Cook discussed the upcoming Motivational Interviewing trainings to be held on April 27 in Columbia and May 12 in Jefferson City.

Tonya Fambro will be retiring and her open house will be March 7, 2016 at the VR Central Office at 1:30pm.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB has been participating in the Combined State Plan. RSB has been reviewing the changes from WIOA. RSA will be doing random picks for monitoring this year. Two Kansas City RSB offices were combined. RSB held staff trainings for the pre-employment transition services.

NCIL Report – Leslie Anderson

There was a notice for grant funding for emergency preparedness, but this information has been removed. The NCIL conference information is available on their website. NCIL has position papers on issues from WIOA. The comment period for the WIOA regulations is over, but the comments are available for reading.

SRC Report

Joseph is still waiting for his official appointment to the SRC. Joseph indicated that Kelly Flaughter reported on what was presented at the SRC meeting.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

The RSB annual report is available. The RSB Advisory Council needs new appointments to their council.

Governor's Council on Disability – Rob Honan

No report.

APRIL Report

No report.

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

The total number of transitions for last year was 249. The previous best year was 225. There have been eighteen transitions so far this year. MFP Legislative Day is April 12, 2016. The budget request for the remainder of the grant was \$37 million, but has been cut to \$21 million.

DHSS Report – Jessica Bax

Vendor memos have been posted recently. There was a 1% rate increase for CDS that went through on January 1. Email encryption has been updated so that there is just one link to use for receiving emails. Background screenings can be online and by email now. The notification on the regulation for telephony electronic verification systems has been published and the regulations are effective February 29. Initial referrals for home and community based services are at nine days now. There has been training on chronic disease prevention for adult protection services. The process for employee disqualification list referrals and hotline investigations has been changed and streamlined. March 28 is the date for the CDS workshop vendor training and the spring provider update is April 19-21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee met to review the quarterly expenditures for both the Part B funds and the 501c3 account. The balance in the 501c3 account is \$15,482.69.

Executive Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

Members of the SILC had a closed meeting on February 18. The SILC will be requesting a meeting with Jeanne Loyd and VR staff. A list of questions will be sent to VR.

The SILC can send three people to the Power Up to the Summit in April. Priority will be given to SILC members who are not employed by a CIL. Those members interested should contact Tammy McSorley for registration.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

No report.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee did not meet prior to the SILC meeting. Pat discussed the flooding issues in Missouri from December and January.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met to discuss the grant for CILs to hold UD and accessible housing training in their areas. There were three CILs that applied for that grant: SCIL, WILS, and RAIL. The committee hopes to offer the grant again next year.

The committee will have a vendor booth at the Missouri Housing Summit in Springfield on April 13-15, 2016. The SILC will also have UD and webinar information at the Power Up to the Summit on April 17-19, 2016 in St. Charles.

The committee is hosting a webinar training on accessible, affordable housing on April 28, 2016. The speakers will be Craig Henning and Brent Darnell.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee has met with the CILs and SILC to start the development of the 2017-2019 SPIL.

Training Committee – Joseph Matovu and Pat Chambers

The Power Up to the Summit will be held April 17-19, 2016 at the St. Charles Convention Center. This conference will be the first time the Missouri Assistive Technology Power Up conference and the IL Summit have been combined. The committee has met to finalize speakers and details for the silent auction benefit for the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarship.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

No report.

Nominations Committee – Gary Maddox

Gary met with A.J. Fox at the Governor's Office Boards and Commissions. Gary did not get a commitment for any new appointments or reappointments. Gary has contacted the Boards and Commissions office in writing, emails, and in person. Gary discussed the issues of compliance and requirements for the SILC with Boards and Commissions. Gary recommended to the SILC to write a letter to Tim Beatty at ACL asking for them to contact the Missouri Boards and Commissions office. The council voted to approve the recommendation from the Nominations Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

SPIL Development – Chris Camene

The committee, along with the SILC and CILs, met on February 1-2, 2016 to start the process of developing the 2017-2019 SPIL. There were eighteen CILs represented at the meeting. The group created two goals with action steps. The draft of the goals and action steps were sent out to the SILC members. The committee will meet again to review the draft. The next draft will be sent out for public comment between April and May. The final draft will be presented to the SILC at the May 2016 meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Bothwell gave a presentation on Region 7 FEMA.

Open Forum

Donna Borgmeyer discussed the Sarah Borgmeyer Wonderland Camp Scholarship.

Gary Maddox discussed the origins of the SILC 501c3 and the collaboration between the SILC and the DSEs.

Pat Chambers discussed the HILC ten year anniversary. Pat Chambers discussed the Prom event held in Jefferson City for youth with disabilities.

Adjourn

Pat Chambers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nancy Pope. The motion was approved by the council. The next meeting will be on May 20, 2016 in Jefferson City, MO.