

# **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Jefferson City, Missouri

February 17, 2017

**Members in Attendance:** Lon Swearingen, Joseph Matovu, Rob Honan, Gary Copeland, Karen Gridley, Tec Chapman, Jim Brinkmann, RSB; On phone: Chris Camene

Members not in attendance: Debbie Peabody, BJ Davis, Jennifer Williams, Bettina Vinson, Donna Borgmeyer, Gloria Boyer

**Others in Attendance:** Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Emilio Vela, SCIL; Sara McDowell, SADI; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Jen Martin, ILRC; Sara McDowell, SADI; LaDonna Williams, RAIL; On Phone: Patty Halter, VR; Mike Keller; Dennis Atkins, DCAI; Nancy Murphy, DCIL

## **Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Rob Honan called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room and on the phone. Rob asked for a review of the agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda. Rob asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2016 SILC meeting. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the minutes. Lon Swearingen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

## **Budget Committee**

The SILC does not currently have a Treasurer or Budget Committee Chairperson. Rob Honan reported on the quarterly budget expenses. There were no questions or comments on the budget reports.

## **Chair Report – Rob Honan**

Rob Honan introduced himself as the new SILC Chairperson. Rob introduced two new SILC members, Tec Chapman and Karen Gridley.

## **DSE Report**

### **Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner**

The FY2018 IL Grant application and instructions have been emailed to the CILs. The Pre-Employment Transition Summer Program application and information was included in the email that was sent to the CILs. The Pre-ETS application is due March 24 and the IL grant application is due May 12.

The state 704 Report is due by March 24. This is a different deadline date from previous years because of a new reporting system by ACL. Tammy McSorley will be entering this information into the ACL reporting system once all the data needed for the report has been received.

The VR Annual report has been completed. This information is available on the VR website and a link to the report is on the SILC website.

Budget hearings are coming up in the legislature for the FY2018 state budget. The governor's recommendation for VR funding has an increase of \$6.4 million for the federal capacity. The governor's budget did not include the \$600,000 increase for IL funding.

### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann**

RSB is working on their budget requests for next year. The funding request will be the same as the current fiscal year. RSB has filled some open staff positions around the state. RSB is finishing their annual report. The RSB State Rehabilitation Council met the previous week in St. Louis. Their next meeting will be in May in Columbia. Because of the changes in the WIOA law, RSB has hired a statewide coordinator for their pre-employment transition services. Jim discussed the AgrAbility program in Missouri. This is a collaboration with VR to provide services to those clients that are pursuing farming occupations. Jim will be speaking at the National AgrAbility Conference in Knoxville to highlight the program in Missouri.

## **DHSS Report**

No report.

## **NCIL Report**

Rob Honan reported that the next NCIL conference will be in July in Washington, DC. Rob read a text Leslie Anderson sent to him regarding the NCIL report. NCIL just released their annual survey to determine what areas to proceed in their policy making. The recommendations for the new 704 report are done and they are doing training. NCIL is looking to increase membership.

## **APRIL Report – Emilio Vela**

Emilio reported on the APRIL conference which was held in Reno, NV in October 2016. The 2017 APRIL conference will be in Spokane, WA in October. Emilio reported that the youth portion of the conference keeps growing every year. The 2018 APRIL conference will be in Branson, MO. Emilio encouraged all the CILs to send and sponsor youth to the conference.

Emilio discussed the APRIL board meetings. The board is focused on transportation issues and encouraging youth to step into leadership roles with CILs.

## **Governor's Council on Disability – Rob Honan**

The GCD will have a new director starting March 1. Rob introduced Claudia Browner and Judy Granger from the Governor's Council on Disability. They gave a report on the Legislative Education Project (LEP). Claudia discussed the Youth Leadership Forum which is held in the summer at the MU campus. Claudia also discussed the annual awards program. This is to highlight agencies and organizations that promote full inclusion of people with disabilities. Judy discussed an event to be held on October 7, 2017 at Maryville University to host a speaker and an advocacy summit. This will be broadcast through Facebook Live so people can view it from anywhere in the state. Judy will be working with the CILs to hold an advocacy event that day so people can participate around the state.

## **MFP Report**

No report.

## **SRC Report – Joseph Matovu**

Joseph reported that he was officially appointed to the State Rehabilitation Council in January. The SRC met on February 2. At this time, there is not anyone on the waiting list for services. Missouri was selected to be one of the states for a federal pilot project on measuring the effectiveness of serving employers. This is a new common measure that VR will work on for the new WIOA law. VR is working with Alliance which is the company that supports the AWARE case management system to pilot a project to measure the new data elements for the WIOA law. VR continues to work with the Department of Mental Health on the new individualized placement service program for people with mental illnesses obtain and maintain employment. These services are expanding to youth as well.

## **RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer**

No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee – Rob Honan**

Rob Honan and Gary Copeland met to discuss the SILC committee structure. The Executive Committee recommends reinstating the SILC Legislative Committee. Karen Gridley will be the chairperson for the Legislative Committee. Gary Copeland will be the temporary chairperson for the Housing Committee until Emilio Vela is appointed.

Rob discussed the need for the SILC to become autonomous from the DSE. Rob received a draft contract from VR. This will be discussed under new business.

### **Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer**

No report.

### **Emergency Management Committee – Gary Copeland**

Gary reported that SEMA had cancelled the FAST training and they have plans to restart the Train the Trainer meetings in May 2017. Gary will have more information on this at the next SILC meeting.

### **Housing Committee – Gary Copeland**

The Housing Committee met by conference call to discuss the awarding of the demonstration grants for 2017. There are four awards of \$500 each. The CILs being awarded the grants are RAIL, SCIL, DRA, and TWP. Information on the grant awards and the training plans from each of the four CILs will be placed on the SILC website.

The committee is planning a webinar on sensitivity training for real estate agents and other housing agencies. Information on the webinar will be sent out later in 2017.

### **SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene**

Chris discussed the handout that was included in the SILC member folders that showed the SPIL tracking survey questions for the new SPIL. This will be used to track information from the CILs for compliance with the new SPIL. This will be sent out annually and reviewed by the Compliance committee.

### **Training Committee – Joseph Matovu**

Joseph gave an update that the committee will be reforming to start planning the next IL Summit. Joseph encouraged all the CILs to provide a staff person to be on the committee. The committee will plan a meeting before the next SILC meeting.

### **Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody**

No report.

### **Nominations Committee**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Emilio Vela discussed his pending appointment to the SILC. Emilio will be the CIL Director representative on the SILC when he is appointed. Emilio is planning to speak with the governor's office boards and commissions staff regarding his pending appointment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Karen Gridley made a motion to have the SILC donate \$500 to the advocacy event being planned by the GCD. This sponsorship would go towards the speaker's fee. Lon Swearingen seconded the motion. After discussion, Karen Gridley amended her motion to have the donation be used for any expense for that event. Lon accepted the amended motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Rob Honan discussed the contract with VR for funding the SILC to be autonomous. The contract includes standard state contract language, a budget, and outcomes for the SILC. Tec Chapman made a motion that the Executive Committee review the contract. Lon Swearingen seconded the motion. After discussion, Tec Chapman amended his motion to have the SILC Chairperson create an ad hoc committee to review the contract. Lon Swearingen seconded the amendment. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Rob Honan asked for volunteers to be on the ad hoc committee.

### **Open Forum**

Emilio Vela discussed a new ad hoc committee by the CILs to work on budget issues. Emilio has a spreadsheet to show how IL services are funded and served in Missouri. Emilio asked the SILC for permission to use the SILC logo on the spreadsheet to give to legislators. There was discussion on the report. After a discussion break, the SILC will not have the logo placed on the report at this time due to the autonomy issue.

## **Adjourn**

Tec Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by the Rob Honan. The next meeting will be on May 19, 2017 in Jefferson City, MO.