Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

August 17, 2018

Minutes are based on unedited transcript submitted by Kimberly A. Pfleinger Schact, RPR/CRR/CRC/CCR/CRI

Meeting called to order at approximately 9 AM

Members present

• Rob Honan, Chair
• Lon Swearingen
• Tec Chapman, Member-at-Large
• Donna Borgmeyer
• Kelly Flaugher, Vocational Rehabilitation
• Kelly Cook, Vocational Rehabilitation
• Chris Camene
• Joseph Matovu, Treasurer
• Gary Copeland, Vice-Chair

Quorum noted

Motion to approve minutes – minutes not available for review. Chair will call special meeting for members to approve when the minutes are available.

• Chair report – Rob Honan. Discussed the upcoming planning for new statewide plan for independent living (SPIL). The start date for the new SPIL is October 1, 2019 and will run through 2022. The SILC will host several public forums as well as gathering information from CILs to put into the new SPIL. The SILC just completing its first year of the new contract with Vocational Rehabilitation, ending on September 30, 2018. Currently, the SILC is working with the DSE/VR to develop a new contract.
• Gary Moll Scholarship Recipients – Recipients were introduced during Chair report by Rob Honan. Recipients are: Savannah Anderson, from Bunker, MO sponsored by DCAI in Viburnum. Eric Kaiser, from St. Louis, MO, sponsored by Paraquad. Corby Redburn, from West Plains, MO sponsored by OIL. Recipients gave a brief introduction and thanked the SILC for the scholarship.
• Budget report – Joseph Matovu. Discussed the state of the budget. Balance as of this date (August 17, 2018) is in positive territory. September is the closing month for the 2018 fiscal year.
  o Motion to approve treasurer’s report – Gary Copeland
  o 2nd - Lon Swearingen
  o Motion approved
• Visitor(s) Comments/Presentation - none noted
• DSE report – Kelly Cook/Kelly Flaugher. It was noted Timothy Gaines has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and is Dr. Jeanne Loyd’s replacement. Kelly F. noted there is some restructuring in DESE at this time. Kelly F. also gave an
update on VR’s employment program, noting numbers of consumers served and on waiting lists for services. Discussed upcoming planned requests for state fiscal year 2020 (to start July 1, 2019). Kelly F. also discussed funding sources for CILS, specifically the Independent Living Center Fund established in 1993. Kelly C. discussed CILs participation in the pre-employment transition services program during the summer. There were also over 700 students at 203 different employment sites for a six-week paid work experience. Kelly C. stated monitoring regarding CILs is continuing and is moving toward more remote monitoring of documentation via electronic means. Kelly C. stated Barry Elbasani has lead phone and web training on independent living with VR staff across the state. Tim Gaines stated he was happy to attend the meeting and looked forward to being part of the group.

- RSB Report – No report
- DHSS Report – Lauren (no last name stated). Discussion regarding level of care review/changes and statewide stakeholder meetings regarding the changes. Reported DHSS is attempting to combine service standards for CDS, personal care, and in-home services. Reported DHSS is working on provider reassessor training and having that available on-line.
- NCIL Report – Leslie Anderson via text to Rob Honan. Region 7 representative Rob Frischenmeyer had passed away unexpectedly.

Break in Meeting

- Executive Director report – Adonis Brown. To date stated he has visited 11 of the 22 centers in MO. Plans made to visit the other 11 in the next 6-9 months.
- APRIL Report - No report
- SRC Report – Kelly Flaugher. Kyle Aubuchon, Director of Boards and Commissions, from Governor Parson’s office attended. The SRC needs appointments and Mr. Aubuchon will work on that along with Lisa Sone from VR.
- RSB Advisory Council Report – Donna Borgmeyer. Meeting held on August 3, 2018 in St. Charles MO. Employment first training and benefit planning were held via webinar for field staff. A regional leadership academy to train field staff was held as well. Funding was held steady for this new fiscal year.
- GCD Report – Claudia Browner. Governor’s Council on Disability is fully staffed. Rachael Rackers was introduced as new disability program specialist and is the coordinator for the MO Youth Leadership Forum. The 16th annual MO YLF had 17 delegates, with 16 alumni returning as staff members and volunteers. GCD continues to provide presentations on disability awareness, etiquette, and employment of people with disabilities. Two proclamations from the Governor’s office will be received for October – one for Disability History month and one for National Disability Employment Awareness month. Quarterly Council meeting at scheduled for August 24, 2018 at 10 AM.
- MFP – Shawn Brice. Budget year for MFP is based on calendar year. During this calendar year, 116 transitions have been completed. December 31, 2018 is currently the last transition. Discussed contingency plans and meetings regarding the MFP grant.
- DD Council – Chaz Nickolaus. DD Council is working to provide training around recently passed guardianship legislation. There is a grant opportunity regarding the development of the Business Leadership Network in the Springfield/Cape Girardeau area. Three-year, $135,000 grant. Information on council’s website. Handout supplied regarding Invite Your Legislator to Work event in October.

Reminder
that March is DD awareness month.

MO APSE – Chaz Nickolaus. Association for Persons Supported Employment First (APSE) just had their state employment summit with over 150 participants. The National APSE conference will be in St. Louis in June 2019.

- MOCIL – Tec Chapman. Annual meeting is September 24 & 25, 2018 in Columbia. Group will be setting legislative priorities for next year.

**Break in Meeting**

- **Committee Reports**
  - Executive – Rob Honan. Meeting was held on August 9, 2018. Working on identifying an auditor. Adonis Brown will attend the APRIL conference in October in Colorado.
  - Finance – No report
  - System Advocacy/Legislative - Rob Honan. Centers received most of the funding that had been cut in the previous fiscal year with a 1.5% increase.
  - Outreach – No Report. Gloria Boyer, chair, has submitted her resignation.
  - Housing – No Report. Emilio Vela, chair, has submitted his resignation.
  - SPIIL Compliance/Consumer Satisfaction – Chris Camene. Rob Honan noted this is Chris’s last meeting and thanked her for her work with the SILC. Chris noted the IL Outcome Survey is due November 15 to remain in compliance with the IL grant.
  - Youth Transition – No report
  - Training Committee – Tec Chapman. Working to set up regional trainings and to identify CIL staff to lead those trainings. Target date to have trainings ready is January 2019.
  - Governance – No report

- **Old Business - Adonis addressed updated by-laws and revisions to them. By-laws from North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Arizona were used as references. New by-laws were reviewed section by section. Discussion was had regarding the number of members for the SILC. Member-at-Large role on the Executive Committee was explained. A new section spells out the job description of Executive Director. There are updates to the standing committees, with the addition of a Governance committee. The Governance committee will keep by-laws up to date. A conflict of interest statement has been added.**
  - Motion made to adopt new by-laws – Lon Swearingen
    - 2nd - no 2nd
  - Motion made to put updated by-laws out for comment and then to adopt via electronic vote – Tec Chapman
    - 2nd - Lon Swearingen
  - Approved – Rob Honan will call a special session to approve after comments are made

- **New Business - Rob Honan explained the additional funding from Part B that the SILC will receive. A conference call will be planned to have a contract with VR in place before October 1, 2018.**

- **Adjournment**
  - Motion to adjourn – Tec Chapman
    - 2nd - Lon Swearingen
  - Motion passed