Statewide Independent Living Council

Quarterly Council Meeting

over Zoom.us

February 14, 2020

Karen Gridley, Chairperson called the meeting to order on Friday, February 14, 2020 @ 10:28AM CST.

Council Members on the Meeting over Zoom: Karen Gridley, Rob Honan, William Vick, H Lon Swearingen, and Ellie Stitzer. Donna Borgmeyer and Gary Copeland were out sick.

Agencies/Orgs Representatives present: Elizabeth Smith, VR-IL (DSE); Chaz Nicholas, DDC and MO-APSE1; and Lindsay Graves, Graves & Associates CPAs.

There were also CILs Representatives on the meeting.

Review of November 2019 Meeting Minutes. The November minutes were not available. Robert Honan made a motion that the November 2019 meeting minutes be sent out to the Council by email for approval. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chairpersons Report. Karen Gridley. No report. Will send out information for Adonis's evaluation within a week.

Treasurer’s Report. Robert Honan. The report covers the period between October 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020. The ending balance is $9,178.09 on January 31, 2020. MOSILC has spent about 35% of the budget for the current fiscal year. Karen Gridley made the motion to approve the financial Report. Second? Financial report was approved.

Executive Director's Report. Adonis Brown had submitted his report before the meeting. Please see attached.

DSE Report. Elizabeth Smith. As of that day VR has 167 individuals in Category Two status (significantly disabled) and 55 in category three (not significantly disabled) status in the wait list. By Tuesday February 18th they will all be released of the wait list and put into ready to receive service status. There will still be an order of selection. The VR IL staff continue visits to the Centers. Information on the grant application has been sent by email. The website has been updated. There are some big changes to the Pre Employment Services grant program. In past years the ratio of staff to students was one staff to three students, but this year VR is going to a one staff to six students ratio. The hourly rate, was $12 per hour unit. Now they are raising the rate to $14 per hour unit. This will increase the potential earning from $36 per hour to $84 per hour.

RSB Report. No report.

RSB Advisory Council Report. No report.

DHSS Report. No report.

DMH/DD (Business Acumen). No report.

SRC Report. No report.

GCD Report. Claudia Browner The Governor's Council assisted MOSILC in a survey poll for the SPIL planning. The results will be sent to Adonis when compiled. The Governors Council along with Missouri School for the Deaf, the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and VR are putting together a new program called the Leadership Development Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. That will be held June 18th at the Missouri School for the Deaf. The program is open to high school students between the ages of 16 and 21 who are deaf or hard of hearing. The program will focus on employment and career readiness. The Governor's Council is also taking applications for the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, open to high school students with disabilities between ages 16 and 21. The Governor's Council is also working with the CILS planning the observation of the 30th anniversary of the ADA. The celebration will be held July 28th at the Capitol. The Governor's Office along with Paraquad and the Governor's Council are continuing the initiative to make Missouri a model employer for hiring people with disabilities. There is an apprenticeship program to train people and they get paid while being trained.

DD Council. Chaz Nickolaus The DD Council has started the Partners in Policy Making training which runs from February to September. They have 35 participants. March 11th is Disability Rights Legislative Day at the Capitol. The DD Council just completed their poster contest and will send posters out to all who request them. They are also working on transportation. There are 130 different federal programs that fund transportation. In 2014 legislation was passed establishing a Commission on Special Transportation. mandating that the heads of Departments of Mental Health, Senior Services and MODOT work together for an efficient transportation system. The Council has also compiled sis videos called Disability 101. These have information about benefits.

MO APSE. Chaz Nickolaus Providing training in March about the discovery process . The training is provided by major employers

 2019 Financial Statement Report. Lindsay Graves The audit was performed according to standard with the financial statements, coming back this year with a unmodified statement. The balance sheet Shows as of September 30, shy of $14,000 compares to about $5,000 the same time 2018. The income statement shows the VR Grant was $$121,000 , about a 40% increase. There is about $14,000 in reserve which equals about one month of reserve funds. Rob Honan made the motion to accept the 2019 Financial Statement. William Vick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MOCIL. Pat Chambers The Consumer Bill 595 was passed by the House and Senate and signed by Governor Parson. Another bill is the quality assurance bill. Have worked on this bill for several years. There was an error in a report issued to Medicare and Medicaid which would reduce funding for the CDS Program. Would have reduced Medicaid reimbursement from $3.99 to $3.13 a unit. MOCIL provided testimony to get this corrected. Talks continue for the IL Summit 2020. The summit will be held in Branson. MOCIL will have a web site relating to the IL Summit.

 MO Housing. No report.

Money Follows the Person (MFP) . No report.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee. No report.

System Advocacy/Legislative. No report.

Housing. Travis Rash Urban affairs is working closely with the Missouri Housing Development Commission to get an effective affordable housing development plan in place. Meetings are being held to get stakeholder input on where the need for housing is and how to address that need. Also the Housing Committee needs more members.

SPIL & Consumer Satisfaction. Robert Honan The SPIL Committee is meeting. Surveys need to be returned to Adonis by February 28th.

Youth Leadership Development. No report.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

The next council meeting is May 15 at the meeting room in the Providence Bank.

Karen Gridley motion to adjourn. Robert Honan seconded the motion. Motion passed.