

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

May 15, 2015

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

Members not in attendance: Gloria Boyer

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Tonya Fambro, VR; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Kelly Cook, VR; Jennifer Kixmiller, RSB; Rob Honan, GCD; Tec Chapman, SIL; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; Nancy Murphy, DCIL

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 February 2015 Council Meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Chair Report – Chris Camene

Chris discussed planning for writing the next SPIL. Under the new WIOA, 51% of the CILs and the SILC will need to sign off on the SPIL. The next SPIL will be due June 2016.

Chris discussed the passing of Dr. David Gray. Chris will take the SILC recognition plaque to Dr. Gray's family.

Jessica Hatfield has resigned from the SILC. She will also receive a recognition plaque.

DSE Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

Kelly Cook gave an update on the CIL IL reviews in the last quarter. Kelly Cook discussed the increasing use of rehabilitation technology and assistive technology services with VR clients. There is a team of specialists that have done training to the VR offices. There is a new staff person at VR who is a deaf and hard of hearing counselor in the Kansas City North VR office. Kelly Cook is on the Missouri Assistive Technology board and the June 12 meeting is open to the community. It will be held in St. Louis.

Tonya Fambro discussed the public hearings for VR that were held in March. There was a webinar held on April 2 about the pre-employment transitions services summer employment project (PETS). This is a pilot project started this year and 17 of the 22 CILs submitted applications. Those 17 CILs were approved for receiving funds for their PETS program. The IL grant is due on May 22. The DESE Transition Institute will be held on June 16-18 at the Lodge of Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Kelly Flaughner reported that VR has been reviewing the new regulations for the WIOA. The new regulations are open for comment now. VR will work with RSB to send in comments jointly. The WIOA emphasizes transition for youth to get them into college, work, training, etc. Kelly Flaughner discussed the new PETS program. There are currently no clients on the waiting list for VR services.

Kelly Flaughner discussed the IL budget numbers. The governor released the \$455,000 for the current fiscal year. The budget for FY16 will be flat funded the same as FY15 if there is not any withholding. Jeanne Loyd, Rick Longley, Kelly Flaughner, and Gary Maddox met to discuss the budget process and what to ask for and how to distribute the funds. There was discussion on how to increase the funding for the CILs to meet the minimum funding standard.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jennifer Kixmiller

RSB has been meeting with the WIOA core partners, which are Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Workforce Development, and Adult Education in Literacy. RSB is currently reviewing rule making documents. The documents are open for public review and comment until June 15. RSB is on track to meet the standards and indicators for the federal fiscal year. In Jefferson City, RSB is looking into a new way to teach Braille. This training will go statewide if this program is successful. RSB is attending several health fairs to do glaucoma screening. Kevin Faust was announced as the Deputy Director. He had been Acting Deputy Director.

NCIL Report

No report.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

Kelly Flaughter discussed the supplemental budget for VR to cover training and technical assistance. This takes the place of a federal grant that is no longer available. The supplemental budget was approved at \$300,000.

Joseph Matovu and Kelly Flaughter reported on a presentation by Yvonne Wright to the SRC on employment services.

Joseph discussed adding youth representatives to the council.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

Social Services and Mental Health are combining budgets and this caused RSB to lose a significant amount of general revenue funding. This also led to a decrease in federal funding. This decreased funding may cause a loss in full time employees.

The Blind Student Literacy Task Force will be having their vision summit on May 18 in Columbia.

Members of the RSB Advisory Council were able to take a tour of the Center for Braille and Narrative Programs at the Jefferson City Correction Center.

APRIL Report

No report.

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

MFP has transitioned 73 in the calendar year. To date, there have been 1,085 people transitioned through MFP. There are 207 pending transitions. The target number for this year is 165 and if this occurs it will be the second best year for MFP.

MFP has done outreach through TV advertising.

House Bill 343 passed and this will be to assess the MFP for sustainability.

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. Those reports are in the SILC member's folders for review.

Executive Committee – Chris Camene

There was discussion on whether to provide lunch for SILC members after the SILC meeting. Most people have been leaving after the meeting and not staying for the lunch. Pat Chambers made a motion to not provide food after the SILC meeting. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council to no longer provide food after the council meetings.

Pat Chambers discussed the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarships. The scholarship review committee received nine applications. Four of those were not complete. After review of the remaining scholarship applications, the committee recommended to approve three of them to receive \$1000 scholarships. Kathy Kay made a motion to approve the recommendation. Bettina Vinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council. Pat Chambers will ask the three scholarship winners to attend the August SILC meeting.

Chris Camene discussed the need to have youth representation on the council, either as a full member or on the committees.

Chris Camene discussed the APRIL conference. The Executive Committee recommended that the SILC send three representatives from the SILC to the APRIL conference. Nancy Pope made a motion to send three representatives to the APRIL conference. Kathy Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council. Chris Camene asked for any SILC member who is interested in attending to let her know.

Chris Camene discussed the SILC committee structure and the need to make sure they are following the SPIL. There was discussion to review the committees after the next SPIL is written and approved. The Nominating Committee was created at the last SILC meeting. This committee will help to find applicants to the SILC. Gary Maddox is the chairperson for the Nominating Committee. Gary discussed the need to find out who has applied to the Governor's Office Boards and Commissions. There was discussion to have Tammy McSorley be the central point of contact for anyone interested in applying to the SILC.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Chris Camene discussed that the SILC had a display booth at the Power Up Conference, the Missouri Housing Summit, and will have one at the Missouri Rehabilitation Conference.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee met by conference call to discuss SEMA and the need to get a time table on the FAST program. There will be a refresher webinar course on the FAST program on May 22. There will a training for new FAST members in June and September.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee held a universal design webinar on April 7. There were approximately 75 people that attended the webinar. The archived webinar is now on the website for viewing. The evaluations from the webinar were mostly positive.

Nancy mentioned that the SILC display booth at the various conferences also has the UD brochure for sharing with attendees.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee met and reviewed the statewide needs assessment survey. Pat Chambers and Kathy Kay are going to review the survey format and make changes based on feedback from the survey.

The committee also reviewed the IL outcomes survey. The current survey has been in use for seven years with minimal changes. The committee agreed to remove the question regarding emergency information since this is not tied to any specific SPIL objective. The committee will wait until the next SPIL to make any further changes to the survey.

The committee will start the planning process for the next SPIL. There was discussion on how to get public input on the next SPIL.

Training Committee – Joseph Matovu

The committee discussed feedback they received from some of the CILs to combine the IL Summit with another conference such as the Power Up conference. This idea might help the CILs to send staff and still cut expenses. The committee will explore this idea with Missouri Assistive Technology.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

No report. The scholarship will move to the Youth Transition committee.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Maddox discussed CIL parity funding and confusion on CIL funding from the legislation.

Open Forum

Dustin Altic from Alpha Pointe gave an overview of their services.

Adjourn

Pat Chambers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joseph Matovu. The motion was approved by the council. The next meeting will be on August 21, 2015 in Jefferson City, MO.