

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

May 20, 2016

Members in Attendance: Pat Chambers, Donna Borgmeyer, Nancy Pope, Gary Maddox, Debbie Peabody, Gloria Boyer, Rob Honan, Gary Copeland, Jennifer Williams, BJ Davis, Jim Brinkmann; On phone: Chris Camene

Members not in attendance: Tina Vinson, Joseph Matovu

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Kelly Cook, VR; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Shawn Brice, MFP; Norma Moore, DCAI; Dennis Atkins, DCAI; Emilio Vela, SCIL; Jeanne Loyd, VR; Jessica Bax, DHSS; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; Tec Chapman, SIL; Nancy Murphy, DCIL

Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Donna Borgmeyer called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Donna welcomed the three new members of the SILC. Donna asked for a review of the agenda. Pat Chambers made a motion to accept the agenda. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Donna asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2016 SILC meeting. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Pope 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

Kelly Flaughner reported that the summer pre-employment transition services program will again be available for CILs to participate. VR is also doing a similar program with the CRPs over the summer.

VR case load numbers have been trending up in the last couple of months. This is probably due to an increase in transition cases.

VR is continuing the contract with the Hook Center through MU. The program started with twenty-one specialists and with the new fiscal year will go up to thirty specialists.

Kelly reported VR is anticipating there will be changes to VR programs that will happen with the new WIOA regulations. The new regulations will be released in June 2016.

Kelly discussed the budget for the IL program. VR asked for \$950,000 in new funding for the IL grants. \$600,000 was approved.

Kelly Cook discussed the summer pre-employment transition services program for CILs. Nineteen of the twenty-two CILs will be participating. Tonya Fambro has come back part time to oversee the program.

Kelly Cook reported that all of the IL grants have been received and the IL staff will be reviewing those the first week in June.

The DESE transition training institute will be held June 28-30, 2016 at Lake of the Ozarks.

Kelly Cook reported that motivational interviewing training was held in two sessions for IL staff.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB just finished their state budget requests. The funding was the same as last year.

Jim reviewed the open positions that RSB needs to fill. RSB has combined two Kansas City locations into one office.

RSB has been utilizing motivational interviewing for the counselors with their clients. This has helped with their case loads.

NCIL Report – Leslie Anderson

No report.

SRC Report

Kelly Cook gave a presentation to the SRC on PEPNET which is an organization that received federal funding to provide services, technical assistance, and resources to promote and better service deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Their primary focus is to assist individuals as they transition from high school into post-secondary or employment.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

Donna indicated that Jim Brinkmann had covered her information in his report.

Governor's Council on Disability – Rob Honan

Rob reported that Dawn Evans was leaving GCD to take another job. She has been working with the YLF program.

The YLF has thirty-five students attending this year. The forum will be held July 11-16, 2016 on the MU campus.

GCD has four position papers which are available on their website. The core issues are housing, transportation, employment, and education.

The legislative session just ended and there are three bills not yet signed by the governor. Rob asked if the SILC would be willing to write a letter of support for those bills. One bill is HB 1565 which raises the asset limits for individuals on Medicaid. The second bill is the support provider bill for deaf/blind individuals. This bill will allow the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to get grants to train SPs around the state. The last bill is the HB 1583 Anti-Bullying Bill. Rob Honan made a motion to have the SILC provide a letter of support on the three bills he discussed, addressed to the governor. Gary Maddox seconded the motion, but amended it to three separate letters. Rob volunteered to write the letters and have Donna Borgmeyer sign them. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

APRIL Report

Gary Maddox introduced Emilio Vela, who is on the APRIL board. The next APRIL conference will be held in Reno, NV in October. The conference will be in Spokane, WA in October 2017.

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

Shawn discussed the funding changes. MFP had requested \$37 million and was approved for \$19 million. After struggling with how to change the budget CMS ended up approving \$30 million. So the MFP is able to keep services available as they had in previous budget years. MFP has transitioned 65 people so far this reporting period which is January through June 30. There have been 1,325 total transitions. With the new budget amount, MFP will be able to start the marketing and commercials again. The next MFP stakeholders meeting will be August 15.

DHSS Report – Jessica Bax

DHSS is reviewing the changes that occurred during the legislative session on statute changes and budget items. There was a 2% rate increase for waiver providers. There was a change in mandatory reporting for adult abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. This now includes first responders and fire fighters. DHSS is working with DMH and DSS on HCVS final setting rules which defines what a home and community-based setting is. The state has four years beginning in 2015 to come into compliance with the setting regulation. Their state plan was submitted but not approved yet. CMS gave a lot of feedback for changes that needed to be made. There is a new online resource for providers called the policy clarification questions document.

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 \$16,858.78. There were deposits made to the 501c3 account due to the gift basket silent auction at the Power Up conference. Pat discussed the funds available for the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarship and how the SILC will be

able to fund future scholarships. Pat suggested that maybe the CILs could hold fundraising events to help maintain the funding for future scholarships.

Gary Maddox made a suggestion to move the budget report on the agenda to after the approval of the minutes.

There was discussion on how to pay for sponsorships of youth to the YLF or APRIL conference. The YLF can be paid from the Part B budget. Debbie Peabody made a motion for the SILC to sponsor two students to attend the YLF at a total of \$3000. Gloria Boyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Executive Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The committee met to discuss creating a business plan for the SILC. The committee will have the plan finished to present to the SILC by the August 2016 SILC meeting. Once the SILC has approved the business plan it will be presented to the DSE.

New member orientation will be revised and updated for the new SILC members. The Nomination committee will take the lead on the new member orientation.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Gloria discussed her efforts to study the unserved or underserved populations of people with disabilities in the St. Louis area. She found statistics on people with disabilities that are incarcerated. She also found statistics on the homelessness in that area. Gloria found a nonprofit that will provide home loans for people that would otherwise not be qualified.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

Pat reported that the committee had not met and was still waiting for training dates from SEMA on the FAST program.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met and reviewed the trainings from three CILs that were awarded the housing training grants. SCIL, RAIL, and WILS provided information and training on Universal Design at locations in their areas.

The housing webinar on April 28, 2016 was on developing affordable accessible community-based housing. There were about 65 participants and the recorded webinar is available for viewing on the SILC website.

The committee had information available and a booth at the Missouri Housing Summit and the Power Up to the Summit conferences.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee has met several times along with the work group to develop the new SPIL goals and objectives. The SPIL goals and objectives went out for public comment in April for thirty days. The committee reviewed the comments and used those to create the final SPIL document. The next SPIL will take effect October 1. The committee makes a motion that the SILC approve the final draft of the 2017-2019 goals and objectives as presented to the council. Rob Honan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. The final document will be submitted to ACL by June 30, 2016.

Pat Chambers discussed the signatory sheet for the CIL Executive Directors to sign off on the 2017-2019 SPIL to be included with the SPIL submission to ACL.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers

Pat discussed the Power Up to the Summit. The conference took place April 17-19, 2016 at the St. Charles Convention Center. SILC partnered with Missouri Assistive Technology to offer a two-in-one conference for attendees.

Pat will be sending out a survey to the CILs and SILC to see if the current format of the conference is working or if it should be held every year, different venue, etc.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

The committee reviewed the applications for the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarship. There were three applications, but one was incomplete. The committee has awarded the two scholarships to Ashley Clark and Jamey Kelly. Ashley was nominated by OIL in West Plains and Jamey by HILC in Owensville. Jamey spoke to the SILC by phone about what she was planning to do with her scholarship.

There was discussion on opening up the scholarship process again this year or to increase the amounts of the current scholarships. Gary Maddox made a motion to have the committee review the scholarship policy for next year. Gloria Boyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Debbie asked the council about a sponsorship for the YLF. Rob Honan gave an overview of what the sponsorship would help provide to the YLF.

Nominations Committee – Gary Maddox

Gary discussed the appointment of three new SILC members. Gary indicated that there may be more appointments pending. Gary will set up some training for the new members.

Donna Borgmeyer asked the new council members to review and join a SILC committee. Gary asked if the committee chairs would send out their rosters so the council has that information.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

Dennis Atkins reported that students from Canada at the Wilfrid University visited DCAI in April. They had viewed Dennis' website and contacted him about his experiences. Dennis spoke at their first conference and in turn DCAI offered to sponsor students to come and visit DCAI.

Adjourn

Chris Camene 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 August 19, 2016 in Jefferson City, MO.