

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

May 19, 2017

Members in Attendance: Rob Honan, Gary Copeland, Karen Gridley, Tec Chapman, Donna Borgmeyer, Emilio Vela, Chris Camene, Gloria Boyer, Jim Brinkmann, RSB; Jeanne Loyd, VR; On phone: Lon Swearingen, Bettina Vinson

Members not in attendance: Debbie Peabody, BJ Davis, Jennifer Williams, Joseph Matovu

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Sara McDowell, SADI; Shawn Brice, MFP; Jim Ruedlin, DCIL; Kelly Cook, VR; Nancy Pope, DRA; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; On Phone: Carolyn Chambers, RAIL; Shannon Porter, SCIL; Patty Halter, VR; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Barry Elbasani, VR; Dennis Atkins, DCAI; Nancy Murphy, DCIL

Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Rob Honan called the meeting to order and asked Amy Bledsoe from the Governor's Council on Disability give her update on the GCD as she was limited on time. (Ms. Bledsoe's report is detailed in the GCD report slot in the minutes.)

Rob Honan introduced Matt Panik from the Missouri Treasurer's office who gave a presentation on the Missouri ABLE program.

Rob Honan started introductions around the room and on the phone. Rob asked for a review of the agenda. The Legislative Committee has been restarted and will be added to the agenda. Rob asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Tec Chapman made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended by vote of the council.

Rob Honan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2017 SILC meeting. Gary Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Camene 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. Rob Honan gave an update on the reports for the Part B and 501c3 accounts. The 501c3 account has a balance of \$15,799.18. There were no questions or comments on the budget reports.

Chair Report – Rob Honan

Rob Honan thanked Tammy McSorley, SILC Administrative Assistant for her work with the SILC.

Rob discussed the budget issues currently being finalized during this year's legislative session.

Rob introduced Emilio Vela as the newest member of the SILC.

DSE Report

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

Kelly Flaughner discussed the VR Annual Report which is available in summary print form or in full on the website.

Dr. Loyd, Kelly Cook, Kelly Flaughner, and Rick Longley of VR met with the CIL roundtable group to discuss the IL budget reductions.

Kelly Cook discussed the CIL summer Pre-employment transition program. There are seventeen CILs that have submitted applications.

The CRPs will be offering their summer employment programs for work experiences for students again this summer.

The IL staff will be reviewing the IL grants that were submitted. A revised budget will be requested once the state budget has been finalized.

The IL staff have finished reviews at DCIL, ILRC, and Paraquad recently. A change to the process has been to do phone interviews with staff and board members before the review date. IL staff will be trying to do more of the reviews remotely and the process will be updated as it progresses.

The DESE Transition Training Institute will be held June 19 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

Jim gave an update on RSB activities. RSB staff will be attending the DESE Transition Training Institute. RSB has been reviewing contracts for services. RSB will be purchasing a new case management system. RSB staff will be participating in training statewide for CPR certification.

DHSS Report

No report.

NCIL Report – Leslie Anderson

NCIL is seeking nominations for the regional advocacy of the year award. Nominations are due no later than May 26.

The NCIL conference is July 24-27 in Washington, DC.

NCIL is going through a strategy change due to a loss of membership. Feedback to NCIL on possible causes for loss of membership include: lack of communication, lack of follow through, committee assignments, and other agreements. This came from current and past members of NCIL.

NCIL is hiring a paid intern for youth transition.

APRIL Report – Emilio Vela

Emilio reported that the APRIL board meetings were held May 3-4 at the Chateau by the Lake in Branson, MO. After a review of the logistics it was determined that the transportation from the airport outside of Branson would be cost prohibitive for attendees. So after review and a vote it was determined the 2018 APRIL conference will be held in Denver, CO.

Emilio discussed the participation of youth attendees at the conference.

The October 20-23, 2017 APRIL conference will be in Spokane, WA.

Governor's Council on Disability – Amy Bledsoe

Amy Bledsoe is the new executive director for the GCD. There will be an Advocacy Summit on October 7 at Maryville University in St. Louis. It will be broadcast live on Facebook Live and all the CILs have been asked to participate on that date to host their own advocacy event that day. GCD is finalizing plans for this event.

The Youth Leadership Forum will be held July 17-22 at the MU campus in Columbia.

Amy's email address is amy.bledsoe@oa.mo.gov

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

Julie Lamons has retired as the MFP Project Manager and Shawn has taken her position. MFP has submitted their budget to CMS and as soon as it's approved the MeTV commercials will resume. Shawn asked for an official representative of the SILC to attend the MFP Stakeholders meetings.

There have been sixty-two transitions so far this calendar year. There are 180 pending transitions. There have been some changes with the contractors in the state and MFP has asked if some CILs can pick up those counties that do not have coverage.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

Joseph Matovu was not in attendance. Kelly Flaughter gave a brief update on the SRC meeting. RSB gave a presentation of their youth transition efforts. The SRC is still waiting for new member appointments.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Rob Honan

The committee met to discuss meeting agenda items and the budget reports.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Gloria has been doing research on the populations of people with disabilities in Missouri who are unserved and underserved. Gloria reported that the majority of those populations are in the city of St. Louis. Gloria discussed the homeless populations in Missouri and the need for housing. Gloria provided a handout by email with this information. Gloria discussed abuse of incarcerated people and the need to get legislative support to prevent this abuse. Gloria discussed solitary confinement statistics.

Emergency Management Committee – Gary Copeland

No report.

Housing Committee – Gary Copeland

The housing committee awarded four demonstration grants this year. The CILs receiving those grants are RAIL, SCIL, DRA, and TWP.

Emilio Vela will be the new Housing Committee chairperson.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The SPIL Compliance survey report has been completed and will be available for the CILs to input responses in July. A webinar training will be held in June to review the new survey tool and answer any questions.

Training Committee – Tec Chapman

David Baker gave an update on the collaboration between the SILC Training Committee and Missouri Assistive Technology to hold a joint Power Up conference in April 2018. The conference will be held in Columbia. The format would be Sunday through Tuesday.

Tec Chapman gave an update of the Training committee meeting. The committee discussed holding a joint conference on even years and regional trainings on odd years. Tec discussed this idea with the CIL roundtable group and received positive feedback.

Tec Chapman made a motion to have the SILC partner with Missouri Assistive Technology to hold a joint conference in April 2018. Emilio Vela seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

No report.

Nominations Committee

No report.

Legislative Committee – Karen Gridley

The legislative committee has been reconvened and Karen Gridley will be the chairperson. Karen asked for volunteers to be on the committee. There will be a meeting in June.

A letter will be drafted from the SILC to the governor regarding the reduction in the IL budget. This will be sent to the SILC for feedback before it is sent to the governor.

OLD BUSINESS

Rob Honan discussed the new WIOA law changes and how this affects the SILC with relation to the council's autonomy. A contract with VR has been drafted and sent to the SILC for discussion. An ad hoc committee was formed to work on the contract. Tec Chapman made a motion to accept the proposed contract. Gloria Boyer seconded the motion. There was discussion on the budget for the contract. The council voted to approve the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Honan brought up the revision of the SILC by-laws. The by-laws were originally drafted in 2002. The last amendment was in 2009. The by-laws have been sent by email to the council members. Rob Honan will create a By-laws committee to review and revise.

Rob Honan discussed the SPIL and the minimum funding for CILs in Missouri. Rob discussed the possibility of revising the SPIL to reflect the changes in the IL budget and how it affects the CILs in Missouri. There was discussion on process to revise the SPIL. The IL budget reductions are state funds, this doesn't affect the SPIL as far as federal funding, but does possibly affect services provided by the CILs.

Rob Honan asked for nominations from the floor to fill the vacant Secretary/Treasurer officer position on the SILC. Gary Copeland nominated Emilio Vela. Emilio accepted the nomination. Rob made a motion to accept Emilio Vela as the Secretary/Treasurer of the SILC effective immediately. Donna Borgmeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Open Forum

Jim Ruedlin discussed the housing demonstration grants for next year. The applications for next year will be discussed by the housing committee and sent out.

Lon Swearingen discussed a national bill on health insurance. Lon encouraged everyone to call their legislators.

Adjourn

Rob Honan adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on August 18, 2017 in Jefferson City, MO.