Statewide Independent Living Council

Minutes from SILC Quarterly Meeting

February 16, 2018

Location: Providence Bank Community Conference Room, 300 Ellis Blvd., Jefferson City MO 65101

Call to order by Chairperson Rob Honan at approximately 9:15 AM

SILC members present in person or by phone:

* Rob Honan – Chair
* Gary Copeland – Vice-Chair
* Emilio Vela – Treasurer
* Karen Gridley
* H. Lon Swearingen
* Donna Borgmeyer
* Christine Camene
* Adonis Brown, Executive Director, SILC
* Gloria Boyer

Members absent:

* Bettina Vinson
* BJ Davis (Resigned)
* Jennifer Williams
* Joseph Matovu (Convalescing)
* Jim Brinkman – ex officio, RSB
* Dr. Jeanne Lloyd – ex officio, OALRS

Quorum called by Rob Honan

Motion was made to approve the minutes for November 2017 with no changes. Motion was unanimously approved.

* Motion: Gary Copeland
* 2nd: Lon Swearingen

Chair Report – Rob Honan

Rob discussed transition activities from Vocational Rehabilitation to be a stand-alone 501(c)(3) and work Adonis has been doing to oversee that transition. Rob also expressed appreciation for the day-to-day activities Adonis has been conducting on behalf of the SILC as this has been extremely helpful. Adonis is also responsible for our new meeting place, since the previous place had double booked and was unavailable on this date. Rob also reported the SILC now has an official phone number and PO box and is working toward getting our website updated.

Rob discussed legislative issues, mentioning US HR 620 in particular. He described it as cutting into rights of persons with disabilities and into the ADA. Rob encouraged CILs to register voters as this is the way to influence policy.

Budget Report – Emilio Vela

Motion was made to approve Emilio’s verbal financial report and defer the vote on the written report until it has been received by members and we are able to meet via phone. Motion passed unanimously.

* Motion: Karen Gridley
* 2nd Lon Swearingen

Report for this quarter was delayed due to change of accounts from Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to the SILC as a separate entity. As of January 16, 2018, approval had been given for VR to pay the SILC as a vendor. On February 9, 2018, SILC received its first invoice. Most SILC members have not invoiced for the meeting in November 2017 and Emilio requested those invoices be submitted as soon as possible. Emilio also discussed his transition to Washington and that he has resigned as treasurer effective February 6, 2018, but he will continue as a member of the SILC until June and work on the transition with Adonis.

Executive Director Report – Adonis Brown

Report was given by Adonis and is included as an attachment to these minutes. Adonis reports he has studied the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) and believes it can be fulfilled as written. Adonis reports he is a master trainer with the program called “Upward to Financial Stability” presented by the National Disability Institute. He stated this program might be a good fit to fulfil the SPIL goal of economic self-sufficiency and would like to work with CILs on that goal.

DSE Report – Kelly Flaugher/Kelly Cook

Kelly F. reported there had been phone calls regarding invoices for the SILC and they had been redirected. Kelly F. reported 5 public hearings are scheduled for March 6 & 7 requesting comments on current VR programs and outreach strategies to address the unmet needs of underserved populations with a focus on autism spectrum disorder, TBI and minorities. Kelly F. stated there is a possibility of waiting lists for VR services starting later this year and those items can be discussed at the public hearings if anyone has questions.

Kelly F. stated the VR annual report is available and copies of the executive summary are available here. This executive summary was prepared by the State Rehabilitation Council. The full report is available via the VR website.

Kelly C. reported on the progress of the pre-employment transition program and summer work sites with the CILs. Deadline for applications for consumers is April 30, 2018. Barry Elbasani from VR is taking the lead on training VR staff about the services CILs provide.

RSB Report – Katy Cauldron

Katy reported on staffing changes, which include Jim Brinkmann moving to a different position. Katy reported RSB is waiting on a new staff appointment for the SILC. Katy also reported on open positions within RSB and internal changes regarding reporting systems.

DHSS Report – Venice Wood

Venice introduced herself and stated she would be attending SILC meetings on behalf of DHSS

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

Shawn reported 194 transitions during 2017 and 22 completed to date in 2018 with 8 pending. Shawn reported a proposed rate increase in reimbursements for CILs participating with MFP. Shaw discussed MO SB 2227 and proposed federal extension of MFP funding.

NCIL Report – Leslie Anderson (given by Rob Honan)

Leslie reports NCIL's concerns regarding HR 620 and encouraged all to contact their senators to oppose the bill. Leslie reminded all NCIL membership renewal was in January and encouraged all to participate.

APRIL Report – Emilio Vela

Emilio has been re-elected to the APRIL board. Emilio reports 2019 meeting will be in Ann Arbor, MI and the 2020 meeting will be in Missouri, location to be determined.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

No Report

Rehab Council Advisory Report – Donna Borgmeyer

Donna reported the RCA met 2/1-2/2 in Springfield. February 1 was a public forum and tour of Southwest Center for Independent Living with demos of accessible technology equipment available at SCIL.

Work is being completed with Workforce Development on a combined application for services from RSB and VR

RSB is working on the State Plan and RSB's annual report is available on their website. RSB is working with Missouri State School for the Blind on a re-employment training program.

May meeting is in Jefferson City.

Governor's Council on Disability – Yvonne Wright, chair/Laura Mueth

Yvonne reports GCD is recruiting for a new Executive Director

Laura stated GCD awards will be awarded at the Power Up conference. Laura also reminded all the deadline for applications to the Youth Leadership Forum is February 28.

MOCIL Report – Jennifer Gundy

MOCIL is a group of CILs working together on common issues. Currently working with VR to restore independent living funding to CILs through the legislative process.

Developmental Disabilities Council Report – Chaz Nicklaus

Report March is DD Awareness month and explained activities the DD council will be completing. Disability Rights Legislative Day is 3/13. Reminded educational webinars are located on the DD Council website.

Legislative Committee – Emilio Vela/Karen Gridley

Most items have already been covered in previous reports. Encouraged all to subscribe to Laura Mueth's legislative email list.

Discussed disability rights legislative day with information on the agenda for the day

Emergency Preparedness Committee – Gary Copeland

Attended Access and Functional Needs meeting on 2/1. Discussed need to re-write FASS program

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Encouraged outreach to incarcerated people with disabilities and to work toward stable, permanent housing.

Housing Committee – Emilio Vela

Discussed what projects CILs completed with the $500 grant monies. Stated Adonis is working to get regional groups involved with housing committee.

SPIL Compliance – Chris Camene

Consumer satisfaction surveys are completed and will be sent to all within the next few weeks.

Training Committee – Tec Chapman (given by Rob Honan)

Reminder was given regarding attending Power Up

Nominating Committee – Rob Honan

Committee had met and recommended the following slate of officers: Chair – Rob Honan, Vice-Chair – Gary Copeland, Treasurer – Emilio Vela, Secretary – Karen Gridley, Member-at-Large – Tec Chapman

New Business

Motion approved to accept officer slate as presented

* + Motion – Gary Copeland
  + 2nd – Lon Swearingen

Motion approved to renew membership in NCIL

* + Motion – Lon Swearingen
  + 2nd – Gary Copeland

Motion approved to renew membership in APRIL

* + Motion – Donna Borgmeyer
  + 2nd – Gary Copeland

Discussion regarding moving meetings around the state along with changing dates of meetings. No decisions were made.

Motion approved to sponsor 4-$500 housing related grants

* + Motion – Emilio Vela
  + 2nd – Gary Copeland

Motion to adjourn

* Motion – Lon Swearingen
* 2nd – Karen Gridley