

# **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Jefferson City, Missouri

November 21, 2014

**Members in Attendance:** Chris Camene, Gary Maddox, Joseph Matovu, Debbie Peabody, Nancy Pope, Kathy Kay; On phone: Pat Chambers

Members not in attendance: Dr. David Gray, Jessica Hatfield, Donna Borgmeyer, Gloria Boyer, Jennifer Williams, Tina Vinson

**Others in Attendance:** Jennifer Kixmiller, RSB; Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Kelly Cook, VR; Shawn Brice, MFP; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Sara McDowell, SADI; Cindy Moore, OIL; Jackie O'Dell; Julie Steel, WILS; Matthew Rigdon, SADI; Tec Chapman, SIL; On Phone: DCAI staff; Barry Elbasani, VR; Craig Henning, DRA

## **Agenda**

Chris Camene called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Chris asked for a review of the agenda. Chris moved several items up on the agenda in order to vote while the council had a quorum.

## **SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Chris Camene asked for a review of the minutes from the June and August 2014 Council Meetings. Kathy Kay made a motion to approve the minutes. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

## **Chair Report – Chris Camene**

Chris discussed the letter to be written from the SILC to the Missouri Governor in support of keeping VR as the DSE for the IL program and SILC fiscal agency. A survey was sent to the CILs and SILC to get input on this topic. The CILs voted unanimously to support this decision. The letter will be sent to the Governor after the regulations have been written by the Community Living Administration at the federal level.

Chris discussed topics presented at the APRIL conference.

Chris encouraged the CILs to attend and participate in the SILC meetings.

## **DSE Reports**

### **Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner**

Kelly gave an update on the VR statistics. VR had 363 more successful closures than last year. There were 29,478 open cases this year. VR is reviewing the changes to the new WIOA regulations that impact VR programs.

The state budget included an additional \$455,000 in IL funding. This was vetoed by the Governor, but overturned by the Legislature. VR is waiting to see if these funds will be released in this fiscal year. VR has also included an additional \$455,000 in next fiscal year's planning.

Kelly Cook gave an update on the 704 reports submitted by the CILs. IL staff conducted nine compliance reviews last year. There are thirteen compliance reviews scheduled for 2015. Kim Gee has returned to the IL staff. She will also be working with transition programs.

### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jennifer Kixmiller**

RSB will meet all their standards and indicators for 2014. The VR program had 271 successful closures. The average minimum wage for the self-employment, supported employment was just under \$15 per hour. The IL program had 888 closed cases. RSB has worked with three people who have used the MFP program. Kevin Faust is still the acting Deputy Director. There has been no indication when that position will be filled permanently. RSA is scheduled for a federal audit in 2015.

### **SRC Report – Joseph Matovu**

The SRC meeting was on November 6, 2014. Missouri Assistive Technology gave a presentation on apps that help people with disabilities. Joseph is still waiting to be officially appointed to the SRC by the Governor's office.

## **RSB Advisory Council**

No report. The SILC needs to appoint a representative to attend these meetings.

## **APRIL Report – Gary Maddox**

Gary is no longer on the APRIL board so he will not be able to give APRIL reports. Gary encouraged the SILC and CILs to send representatives to the APRIL conferences in the future.

## **MFP Report – Shawn Brice**

There have been 154 transitions under MFP in 2014. That is 90% of the goal number. This will be the second best year for transitions. There are 182 pending cases right now. Barriers include accessible, affordable housing. CMS has approved MFP to hire Wayne Crawford to support accessible housing development around the state. MFP is working with nursing homes on a questionnaire to individuals entering nursing facilities. Part of the questionnaire is a referral process for those that want to return to the community. MFP has increased marketing for the program with TV spots and printed materials. The MFP stakeholders group will meet in 2015 on February 9, May 18, August 17, and November 16. Shawn asked the SILC to send a representative to those meetings.

Chris Camene reported that there will be a national training on transition in St. Louis on April 7-9, 2015.

## **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.

### **Executive Committee – Chris Camene**

Chris Camene discussed the Gary Moll Memorial SILC scholarships that would be available for the next school year. The Executive Committee made a recommendation to the council to offer two \$1000 scholarships to students. Gary Maddox made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Executive Committee. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

The Executive Committee made a recommendation to send three SILC representatives to the SILC Congress in January 2015. Nancy Pope made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Executive Committee. Kathy Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Chris discussed the SILC by-laws that haven't been revised since 2002 when the SILC 501c3 was formed. Chris would like to form a work group to review the by-laws. Gary Maddox volunteered to chair that group. Joseph Matovu volunteered to be on the work group as well as Chris Camene, and Nancy Pope. The group will meet before the May 2015 SILC meeting.

Chris discussed the toll free number sponsored by the SILC that guides people to the CIL in their area. This number is not being utilized. OMO is the host of the toll free number and guide. They are updating their phone system and the toll free number automated guide will need updated as well if the SILC decides to keep it. Gary Maddox made a motion to take down the toll free number. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

There was discussion on the SILC website and the need for the committees to review the information in their area.

### **Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer**

No report.

### **Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers**

The committee met to discuss the FASS Team training needs in Missouri. SEMA has had a lot of staff changes over the last year. The committee plans to meet again in January 2015.

### **Housing Committee – Nancy Pope**

The committee has met to discuss the webinar proposed to be held in April 2015. The committee has had contact with the Missouri Universal Design Coalition to discuss UD criteria. The Coalition includes other groups such as Great Plains ADA Center, Starkloff Institute, Governor's Council on Disability, Missouri Association for Social Welfare, and Wayne Crawford.

### **SPIIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene**

The committee met by conference call to discuss the two survey tools: statewide needs assessment survey and the IL outcomes survey. There were 1665 responses on the needs assessment. The IL outcomes survey had 4,875 responses. The final report from the IL outcomes survey will be sent out to the CILs and SILC in early 2015. The committee will meet again in February 2015 to go over the surveys for next year.

### **Training Committee – Joseph Matovu**

The committee has been meeting to plan the next IL summit. The summit will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia on June 29-30, 2015. Joseph encouraged everyone to attend the summit because of the good information and collaborations there.

### **Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody**

The committee met for the first time with Debbie Peabody as the chairperson. Debbie discussed that now that there is a fifth core service of transition, youth involvement is very important to the SILC and CILs. The committee brainstormed ideas on how to increase youth representation on the SILC and the committees. The committee also discussed forming youth councils around the state. The committee will meet again on January 15 by conference call. The contact information will be sent out to all the CILs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chris Camene discussed the new SILC officer election and nominations. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve Chris Camene as Chair, Kathy Kay as Vice-Chair, and Pat Chambers as Secretary/Treasurer. Debbie Peabody seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Laura Mueth gave a presentation on the Youth Leadership Forum and the Legislative Education Project (LEP).

Chris Camene presented plaques to outgoing SILC members Barnie Cooper and David Robinson. Chris also presented a recognition plaque to Debbie Reithmeyer for all her years of service to the SILC.

### **Open Forum**

Tec Chapman discussed the ADA Legacy Tour bus that will be stopping in Columbia on March 30-31, 2015.

### **Adjourn**

Chris Camene adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on February 20, 2015 in Jefferson City, MO.