

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

November 20, 2015

Members in Attendance: Chris Camene, Pat Chambers, Donna Borgmeyer, Nancy Pope, Kathy Kay, Debbie Peabody; On phone: Jennifer Williams

Members not in attendance: Tina Vinson, Gary Maddox, Joseph Matovu, Gloria Boyer

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Tonya Fambro, VR; Kelly Cook, VR; Kim Gee, VR; Jennifer Kixmiller, RSB; Rob Honan, GCD; Amy Plumlee; LaDonna Williams, RAIL; Julie Steele, WILS; Dennis Atkins, DCAI; Rebecca Stokes, Mike Shardanel; Jeanne Loyd, VR; Julie Juergens, MFP; Jessica Bax, DHSS; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; Jennifer Gundy, OMO

Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Chris Camene called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Chris asked for a review of the agenda. Pat Chambers made a motion to accept the agenda. Kathy Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Donna Borgmeyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2015 SILC Meeting. Kathy Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Chair Report – Chris Camene

No report. Chris will give her report under Executive Committee.

DSE Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

VR had 5,036 successful closures this year. VR continues to make the changes required under WIOA and working with other agencies that are also affected by these new regulations to make a combined State Plan.

The draft regulations for IL are available for public comment.

Tonya Fambro gave an update on the Pre-employment Transition Services project regional meetings. Good feedback from the CILs was collected to use for next year's summer program.

The IL staff has been reviewing the 704 reports. The state 704 report is being developed and will be submitted to the ACL as soon as the reporting system link has been released.

The specialists from the Pre-employment Transition Services Hook Center program have been making contacts with the CILs to work closer with CIL staff in making contacts.

Kelly Cook gave an overview of a grant funded project she had been working with for the last three years. This was to improve outcomes for students with hearing disabilities after they leave high school. One of the goals the group worked on was to provide resources to students after leaving school.

Kelly Cook is also on a WIOA committee to look at accessibility standards for all career centers.

Kim Gee is working with a group to cross train on what other agencies do and how to partner together to provide youth and transition services better.

Barry Elbasani discussed the collaboration activities in the Kansas City area between CILs and VR offices.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jennifer Kixmiller

RSB has started a new federal fiscal year. RSB has met all standards and indicators for the previous year. RSB has attended statewide WIOA partner meetings regarding employment. RSB has 2016 calendars available for anyone who needs one.

NCIL Report

No report.

SRC Report

Dennis Atkins gave an update on the SRC meeting. The SRC met on November 5. Aimee Wehmeier is the current chairperson. Joseph Matovu will represent the SILC when he is appointed to the SRC. VR does not have a waiting list for services at this time. There was a presentation to the SRC on the Pre-employment Transition Services Project by one of the Hook Center specialists.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

No report. Donna was not able to attend the last RSB Advisory Council meeting.

Governor's Council on Disability – Rob Honan

The Hands Around the Capitol was held in October. Rob gave an overview of the Legislative Education Project (LEP). Information on the LEP schedule will be on the GCD website. Rob has applied to be on the SILC.

APRIL Report

Kathy Kay gave a report on the APRIL conference held in Virginia Beach, VA in October. The big topics at the conference were accessible voting and transportation to voting, youth representation in IL, and WIOA. The Missouri YLF gave a presentation at APRIL. There were also presentations on accessible housing and medical needs of people with disabilities.

MFP Report – Julie Juergens

MFP has transitioned 227 people so far this year. The goal was 218 so MFP has exceeded that. MFP is anticipating around 250 transitions for the year. The total for the whole program is 1,239 people transitioned with about 75-80% remaining in the community. There are 184 pending cases. They are either waiting for housing or their person center planning process completed. MFP has submitted the budget for 2016 through 2020. The grant will end in 2018. The budget has not been approved yet. House Bill 343 from last year passed to form a committee to look at the sustainability of the MFP program after the grant ends. The committee has been meeting every other week to review data. MFP Day at the capitol will be April 12, 2016. MFP is working on success story books which will be available online. MFP has created a card to give to nursing facilities for staff to use for referrals. MFP will partner with Missouri Assistive Technology to provide services to people transitioning. These services will include vehicle modifications.

DHSS Report – Jessica Bax

DHSS has a new Acting Director which is Peter Lyskowski. The new Special Investigations Unit Manager is David Lanigan. Jan Heckemeyer has a new role with the hotline and Terry Black is the new co-bureau chief.

The Silver-haired Legislature met and developed five priorities for the 2016 legislative session. These are increased funding for home delivered meals, increase the meal rate reimbursement rate, expand MOHealthNet, increase the asset amount for individuals and couples accessing MOHealthNet benefits, and establish a senior services enhanced funding program. DHSS is in year two of a four year strategic plan. This plan includes direction on recruitment and retention of employees, cohesion and collaboration between divisions, chronic disease prevention and management, and prescription drug abuse. The department is also looking at access to services. Access to transportation is a big issue and the department website has a transportation services guide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee met to discuss the quarterly expenditures. The federal fiscal year ended September 30 and a new budget took effect October 1. Pat reviewed the expenditures on the 501c3 account.

Executive Committee – Chris Camene

The committee met and discussed the SILC membership issues. There are several members whose terms have expired. The Governor's Boards and Commissions office has not appointed anyone new although they have several applications for the SILC. The SILC will need to be in compliance with the membership requirements before the next SPIL is submitted.

The SPIL development and writing meetings will start in February. The committee discussed the public hearings that need to happen before the writing of the SPIL. The committee suggested having the CILs conduct public hearings in their areas and the SILC will hold one as well. The feedback from those hearings will be used for the development of the next SPIL.

The next SILC Congress will be January 16-19, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ. The Executive Committee made a recommendation to send three representatives from the SILC to the SILC Congress. Kathy Kay made a motion to accept the recommendation from the committee. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

No report.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee did not meet this quarter. The committee is hoping SEMA will have the FAST program in Missouri implemented by December 31. Pat and members of the Emergency Management Committee gave presentations in Columbia at the annual convention for Missouri Preparation Response and the American Red Cross.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee sent out a demonstration grant proposal to the CILs to do training on UD housing in their region. The deadline for those grants is November 30. These grants will reimburse up to \$500 for costs associated with holding these trainings.

The committee discussed having another webinar training next April. The topic will be how to increase affordable housing in Missouri.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee discussed the various ways to get public comment for the SPIL development process. It was decided to ask the CILs to hold public hearings in their areas and report the findings in an online survey. The committee will send the SPIL information out to the centers. The committee will use the Statewide Needs Assessment survey and the IL Outcomes survey to help with the SPIL development.

Training Committee

Pat Chambers gave an update on the Training Committee. The committee continues to work with Missouri Assistive Technology on the joint Power Up to the Summit conference. The dates are April 17-19, 2016 at the St. Charles Convention Center. There will be a separate IL track for CIL staff. Nancy Pope made a motion to send two representatives from the SILC to the Power Up to the Summit. Debbie Peabody seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

There was discussion on getting video clips of the youth that were sponsored by the SILC to attend the APRIL conference to put on the website. The committee is reviewing the surveys that were sent back from the YLF delegates and alumni to see if they are interested in participating on youth councils or even to apply to be on the SILC.

Nominations Committee – Gary Maddox

Gary submitted a report to be included in the SILC minutes for the November 2015 meeting.

Gary recorded a PSA to recruit SILC members and forwarded it to Tammy McSorley for dissemination to the CILs. The CILs were to contact the local media in their areas to air the PSA. Gary will resend this information to try again to recruit potential SILC members and will follow up with the CILs.

Gary had a discussion with Rob Honan to see if he had sent in his application to the SILC. He had not completed the process as of their conversation.

Gary has attempted to contact A.J. Fox at the Governor's Boards and Commissions office, but has not been able to reach him. He has left information with the Boards and Commissions office on which SILC members have reached their term limits. Gary is not aware of any new pending applications. Gary will try to visit the Boards and Commissions office in person.

Kelly Flaughter discussed her efforts to work with A.J. Fox on getting new appointments to the SILC.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Camene discussed the election of new officers for the SILC. The Executive Committee recommended a slate of officers that are Donna Borgmeyer as chairperson, Debbie Peabody as vice chairperson, and Pat Chambers as Treasurer. Kathy Kay made a motion to accept the recommendation. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Camene discussed the SPIL development. Debbie Peabody will be the representative from the SILC to help develop the new SPIL with the CILs. Donna Borgmeyer will participate as well as the new chairperson. The SPIL will need to be approved by the SILC by the May SILC meeting to submit to DESE for their approval.

Open Forum

Amy Plumlee gave a presentation on a project she has been working on called Disability University. This has a statewide directory of resources for people with disabilities.

Adjourn

Pat Chambers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Debbie Peabody. The motion was approved by the council. The next meeting will be on February 19, 2016 in Jefferson City, MO.