

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

November 18, 2016

Members in Attendance: Donna Borgmeyer, Pat Chambers, Nancy Pope, Lon Swearingen, Joseph Matovu, Gary Maddox, Rob Honan, Gary Copeland, Jim Brinkmann, RSB; On phone: Gloria Boyer

Members not in attendance: Debbie Peabody, BJ Davis, Chris Camene, Jennifer Williams, Bettina Vinson

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaugher, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Kelly Cook, VR; Emilio Vela, SCIL; Karen Gridley, TWP; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Jen Martin, ILRC; Sara McDowell, SADI; Shawn Brice, MFP, Jessica Bax, DHSS; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; Patty Halter, VR; Tec Chapman, SIL; Sara Nunez, OMO

Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Donna Borgmeyer called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room and on the phone. Donna asked for a review of the agenda. Due to schedule issues for Rob Honan, he asked for his GCD report to be moved up. Gary Maddox asked to give his Nominations Committee report under New Business. Donna asked for the agenda to be approved as amended. Nancy Pope made that motion. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Donna asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2016 SILC meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Budget Committee – Pat Chambers

The Budget Committee met the previous day to go over the quarterly fiscal reports and the new fiscal year budget information. There was one expense for the 501c3 account which was one of the \$1000 Gary Moll Memorial Scholarships. The balance on the 501c3 account is \$15,858.78. Pat Chambers asked for a motion to approve the budget report as submitted. Gary Maddox made the motion. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Pat Chambers asked for a motion to approve the new fiscal year budget as submitted. Gary Copeland made that motion. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. There was clarification discussion that \$3000 was moved from SPIL objectives to the Conferences line item. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Governor's Council on Disability – Rob Honan

The GCD needs new appointments to their council by the Governor's Office. They are hoping for those new appointments before Governor Nixon leaves office. Judy Granger joined the GCD to be the coordinator for the Youth Leadership Forum. The GCD has created new PSAs on service animals. Rob encouraged everyone to view the video on their website.

The Legislative Priority Survey was completed and slightly less responses than last year. The responses came from 17% urban, 40% suburban, and 43% rural. All twenty-two CILs sent a response. The top five priorities are: private insurance covering hearing aids; MO HealthNet expansion to cover adult hearing aids; maintaining the helmet law for motorcycles; tax credits for small business employers that hire people with disabilities; and MO HealthNet ABD population expansion.

There is a new award that the GCD is giving for accessible websites. They are asking for nominations for anyone that has an outstanding accessible website.

Chair Report and New Business – Donna Borgmeyer

Donna Borgmeyer reported that Rob Honan has agreed to the nomination of SILC Chairperson. Gary Maddox gave the Nominations Committee report under New Business. The SILC still needs nominations for Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There was discussion about needing SILC members who are current in their terms to fill these positions. Donna Borgmeyer asked for nominations from the floor for the Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Gary Copeland indicated he would accept the Vice-Chair nomination. Donna asked again for nominations for Treasurer. Gary Maddox made a motion to cease the nominations from the floor. Pat Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Donna asked for a motion to approve the partial slate of nominations for SILC officers. Pat Chambers made that motion. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Gary Maddox made a motion to table the nomination of the Treasurer position until the February 2017 SILC meeting. Pat Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

The new SILC officers will be Rob Honan, Chairperson and Gary Copeland, Vice-Chairperson. The Treasurer position will be vacant until the February 2017 SILC meeting.

DSE Report

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughter

The VR federal fiscal year ended September 30. There were 5,170 successful closures. This was up by 107 from last year. There were 14,275 new applicants for VR services. The average wage for successful closures was \$10.60 per hour. The VR national conference was held the prior week. RSA staff attended and spoke at the conference. The WIOA rules for the VR employment program became final at the end of June. VR held a statewide supervisors meeting to discuss with the twenty-four district offices what is going on and what is coming up in VR. This included topics on pre-employment training, Section 511, the new Fair Labor Standards Law and how that will affect VR.

Kelly discussed the retirement of Brenda Simmons. Brenda is moving to a federal position with the Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center.

Kelly Cook gave an update on the 704 Reports from the CILs. The IL staff will review those in the next couple of weeks. Kelly Cook gave an overview of the Pre-employment Transition Services program that the CILs participated in over the summer. Seventeen of twenty-two CILs participated. There were 260 student participants. Kelly thanked those CILs that participated and helped those students with transition activities. Kelly discussed the collaboration with the Hook Center specialists. Gary Maddox discussed using the section in the 704 Report that reports on challenges that the CILs have in providing services to provide statewide information for CILs to use for their advocacy and lobbying.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB has finished their federal fiscal year and are working on getting their final numbers together. RSB had 273 successful closures last year in competitive, supportive, and self-employment. The average hourly wage for those successful closures was \$14 per hour. RSB has hired a new pre-employment transition coordinator. RSB has made some changes due the new WIOA law. There is a new statewide staff training position that will address quality assurance and staff training. RSB will be changing case management systems.

DHSS Report – Jessica Bax

DHSS is moving the MFP documentation from paper files to an online case management system. DHSS submitted a plan for the CMS regulation on home and community-based services definitions. This will address heightened scrutiny sites such as adult day cares. DHSS sent out a memo to vendors updating the ICD-10 codes. CMS has an open comment period regarding home and community-based services policy regulations. This comment period will be open until January 7, 2017. There is currently a backlog at the Family Care Safety Check registry due to a backlog for the new hire background checks. DHSS is looking into the issue of task documentation in the CDS program. DHSS has a new fraud investigation process for CDS attendants and has provided training on this topic.

NCIL Report – Leslie Anderson

Leslie reported that there are thirty-two NCIL members in Missouri. NCIL is addressing the issue of dwindling membership. Leslie shared with the NCIL Region 7 representative the issues she has heard for reduced membership at NCIL which includes a lack of communication, ideology, and conflicts of interest. Leslie discussed managed care in Missouri. NCIL is working on increasing appropriations for IL. The next NCIL conference will be July 24-27, 2017.

APRIL Report – Emilio Vela

Emilio is on the APRIL board of directors. APRIL just held their yearly conference in Reno, NV in October. There were sixty-nine youth participants at the APRIL conference this year. Next year's conference is in Spokane, WA. Emilio encouraged the Missouri CILs to send youth attendees to the conference. The APRIL board is focused on succession planning and to encourage the next generation of leaders in the IL movement. APRIL is also working on emergency planning and response. Emilio discussed how Missouri is leading the country in best practices for emergency preparedness. Nancy Pope discussed the board training sessions she attended at the APRIL conference and how this was good information for any board, SILC or CIL.

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

MFP had 194 transitions so far this year. The goal is 215. There are twelve pending transitions. Shawn indicated MFP will most likely meet or exceed their goal number. The CILs and AAA's goal is 181 transitions and they will exceed it this year. MFP is not running the PSA on MeTV at this time. MFP has been doing Section Q trainings with nursing homes. This includes the questionnaire for the residents on their housing preferences. Shawn indicated they are trying to recruit self-advocates to the MFP stakeholders board.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

The SRC met on November 3rd. The combined state plan has been approved by RSA. VR completed all seven federal performance standards and indicators for 2016. Under the new WIOA law VR will have new performance accountability measures for 2017. Missouri VR had a successful year for closures which is a growing trend since 2009. In fiscal year 2016 the average case closure wages have increased and applications are up with the number of individuals leaving the program without services going down. No additional federal funding will be coming to Missouri so VR is looking at changes in operations to balance the lack of additional funding with the increased number of consumers that need services.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

RSB has lost some staff and has a hard time replacing staff because of the pay scale. The RSB Advisory Council will be writing a letter to OA to try to increase the pay scale for counselors and other RSB staff. The RSB Advisory Council needs new membership appointed by the Governor's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The Executive Committee made a recommendation to send three SILC representatives to the SILC Congress in January 2017. There was discussion on who to send from the council to the SILC Congress. Any interested council members should indicate to Tammy McSorley that they would like to attend the SILC Congress by November 30. A conference call by the Executive committee will be held the first week of December to make the final decision on who will attend.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Gloria has recruited a new member to the Outreach Committee, Chantel. Gloria has been working on new legislation for transparency for people taking antipsychotic medication. Gloria will present more information on this later as it is finalized.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

Pat discussed that there was supposed to be a FAST training in October by SEMA but this training was cancelled. The number of FAST members is declining rapidly in Missouri. There were supposed to be three trainings held in this fiscal year, but all three were cancelled or postponed. Gary Copeland will be the new Emergency Management Committee chairperson.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee will meet by conference call on November 30. The committee will be sending out information for a new housing demonstration grant for CILs to provide outreach on accessible housing issues. Each grant will be up to \$500 to provide regional training in their area. The grant application will be due December 23, 2016 and the grantees will be announced at the February 2017 SILC meeting. The trainings will need to be completed by August 18, 2017. The committee is working on another webinar for housing topics. A date for this will be announced later.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

Chris Camene was not in attendance, but the minutes from the last committee meeting were read to the council by Pat Chambers.

The SPIL Compliance Committee met by conference call on Thursday, November 10, 2016. The committee discussed the current CIL data collection tool for the SPIL. Committee members reviewed the following:

Structure of the tool

The current tool asks a series of 10 yes/no questions based on the goals and objectives of the SPIL. CILs indicate whether or not they did any activities based on the particular SPIL objective. If they answer yes, they are asked to provide examples of what they did to support the particular goal or objective. The committee discussed the structure and ease of use. A similar structure will be considered for the new SPIL collection tool.

Timelines for submission

The current tool is due by October 31st each year. Currently the tool is made available in July for the CILs who want to enter data before the end of the fiscal year. It may be beneficial to make this available sooner for CILs that want to track their data more frequently. This will be discussed when developing the new tool.

Use of Data

The data compiled is used to support tracking of progress on the goals and objectives on the SPIL when the state 704 is submitted. CILs can also request a compiled report if they are wanting to use the data for any of their own reporting.

The committee planned a working meeting in January to develop a new SPIL tracking tool for the 2017-19 SPIL. This will be completed prior to the February SILC meeting and submitted to the SILC for input and approval. The meeting will be on Thursday, January 12, 2017 starting at 10:00am. The location will be either in Jefferson City or Columbia. Tammy will check for available meeting rooms.

Annual Statewide Needs Assessment

The committee discussed the annual needs assessment tool that's currently being used. We discussed how the data is used and if any changes should be made. We decided not to change the structure but to add a field for selecting the time period of the assessment so that data can be sorted easier.

Training Committee – Joseph Matovu

The committee has not had any activity to report.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

No report.

Nominations Committee – Gary Maddox

Gary asked that the SILC member recruitment PSAs be sent to the CILs again.

OLD BUSINESS

Donna Borgmeyer presented Gary Maddox and Pat Chambers with plaques for their service to the SILC.

Open Forum

Joseph Matovu discussed the need to advocate to hotels about the accessibility of their sleeping rooms.

Lon Swearingen discussed the need to improve communications with consumers about their participation in conferences and the SILC. Lon encouraged everyone to contact their legislators about the Disability Integration Act.

Adjourn

Nancy Pope made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lon Swearingen. The motion was approved by the council. The next meeting will be on February 17, 2017 in Jefferson City, MO.