Statewide Independent Living Council

Quarterly Council Meeting

Providence Bank, Jefferson City Missouri

November 8, 2019

Call to order and Introductions

Karen Gridley SILC Chair, called the meeting to order. SILC members present or on the phone were: Karen Gridley - Chair; Gary Copeland - Vice Chair; Rob Honan - Treasurer; Will Vick

SILC members not present: Donna Borgmeyer; Ellie Stitzer; H Lon Swearingen

Others present: Melissa Kay, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind; Elizabeth Smith, Vocational Rehabilitation; Shawn Brice, Money Follows the Person; Travis Rash, The Whole Person; Wendy Witcig, Department of Mental Health

Review of August 2019 Council Minutes:

Motion to approve August 2019 Council minutes was made by Gary Copeland. Motion was seconded by Will Vick. Motion passed.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

Karen Gridley. There is a Complete Count Committee in the Governor's Office set up by Executive Order. Karen has been in contact with the person in charge of the committee. He is very interested in working with SILC and Centers for Independent Living to be sure people with disabilities are counted fully next year. Adonis will be working on this and hopefully SILC can partner with MOCIL as well.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Rob Honan. The beginning balance as of the start of the new fiscal year, October 1, 2019 $2,301.43. There were $5,368.68 worth of expenses. VR paid the SILC $9,160.63 adding up to an ending balance of $6,093.35. In the budget approved at the August SILC meeting there are four categories; allocated amounts, funds spent, category balance and percent spent. At this time less than 5% of the budget has been spent. There will be some expenses not included including the audit, SPIL committee and compliance, conferences and training.

**Executive Director’s Report:**

Adonis Brown. Reported that he had been very busy and had sent out a copy of his report.

**Presentation Camden County DD Transportation System:**

Ed Thomas. Have been studying transportation in Camden County. Found lack of transportation was a barrier to community inclusion. Looked at who had transportation available, what public transit services were available and what the Camden County SB 40 Board was spending transportation dollars on. Fount the Senate Bill 40 was primarily funding transportation to the sheltered workshop. A survey found that most of their clients wanted to work. Looked at the cost of transportation services over a three-year period. Transportation was 48% of the cost. A task force was created to look at transportation and a not-for-profit was created. Surveyed clients from other agencies/organizations in the area. 20% needed transportation; 13% for employment and 13% daily. 50% did not realize OATS provided transportation to everyone. Local employers were surveyed. 42% said employees have transportation barriers. 69% said employees would benefit from public transportation.

They created a service Tri-County Transit serving Camden, Morgan and Miller Counties. OATS is the recognized public transit service for the area. 50% of the total cost is funded through local match. 50% comes from Federal Transit Authority funds. The service operates 7 days per week, 18 hours a day, Monday through Friday, and six hours each day on Saturday and Sunday. They run a deviator route (one mile either side of the set route). It is inexpensive and it is more efficient. The Transit Service saved Camden County Senate Bill 40 approximately $110,500 for waiver Services. Other savings include estimated state Medicaid waiver savings of $16,500 for Department of Mental Health and MoHealthNet. CCDDR SB40 tax savings were approximately $29,000 in 2017. They reinvested that into the public transit services. In 2016 and 2017 from July 1st to June 30th, 22,652 rides were used. Almost 60% of rides were employment related.

A Transportation Summit was held this fall and a Task Force was formed from the Summit. Their proposed mission statement;" to provide leadership, promote collaboration, and gather best practices to improve transportation coordination in the State of Missouri in order to enhance the quality of life for all Missourians". Mr. Thomas urged family members and self advocates to get involved with the Task Force.

**DSE Report:**

Elizabeth Smith. Elizabeth and Tim Gaines have visited 22 Centers for Independent Living so far and they have eight more to visit, probably after the Holidays. Elizabeth provided an update to VR's Order of Selection Wait List. As of Monday, 11/4/19, VR has released another -- from the waiting list, all category 2 and since January they have released 5,000 folks off the waiting list.

VR is starting a new project; The Peer Mentoring Pilot VR is partnering with Empower Ability in Springfield and The Whole Person in Kansas City to reach underserved students in innovative and unique pilot projects serving a population of students often unavailable to receive services. Outstanding efforts have been made by VR staff, the foster care staff, the Family Courts System and Missouri State University. Our goal is to support the youth to have long-term mentors, to help them develop self-advocacy skills and think about that transition into XXXX

The IL team has completed 13 on-site compliance reviews in 2019. We will start our new rotation of on-site compliance reviews after the first of the year.

For 2019 Centers for Independent Living provided summer Pre-ETS, that's Pre-employment Transition Services. Nine Centers for Independent Living participated, DCAI, DRA ILCSEMO, OMO, Paraquad, Empower Ability, SIL, TILC, TWP. Sixty-one students were served and nearly 1,000 hours were provided in Pre-employment Transition Services under the categories of job exploration, work readiness and self-advocacy.

VR just received all the QSRs, Quarterly Service Reports, identifying how many folks were provided services at our Centers for Independent Living. They are now waiting on the 704 Reports, the data as well as the narrative about how services are provided and success stories. The IL team is preparing to compile the data and narrative for VR to submit the State of Missouri 704 Report to the Federal Government.

VR is updating all their literature and their web site. They also have new training materials for training local VR offices about all the things the CIL's do.

**RSB Report:**

Melissa King. The Mid-MO office is fully staffed, and the St. Louis South office just hired a Job Development Specialist. The staff recently participated in statewide trainings. The rehab teachers went to RT focus group in Sikeston, and they learned a lot of information to help our clients be more independent. RSB counselors recently attended the Counselor Academy. The VRCs have also started having focus groups twice a year where they are getting together to discuss cases and best practices.

**RSB Advisory Council Report**

No report.

**DHSS Report:**

Venice Wood. There are about 60,000 participants in the program receiving Home and Community Based Services. There are a little over 34,000 participants receiving services through the Cconsumer Directed model and about 30,000 receiving services through the agency model.

DHSS has three wavers: a disabled waiver, adult day care waiver, and

independent living waiver. There are 1,618 in adult day care waiver and 600 in the independent living waiver.

Call center update. Providers, individuals or family members can call and make a referral to see if an individual meet nursing level eligibility of care. There has been a high influx of calls and staff were not able to answer all the calls. To address this problem, they reduced the Q size; implemented an electronic process for providers to submit referrals; and some call center staff are now working state holidays.

The Family Caregiver Waver is a new waver to serve those with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. The waver can serve up to 300 people.

DHSS is still working on level of care transformation to address the gap in services for people not meeting eligibility. The regulations have not been changed since 1982.

DHSS is expecting the Mercer report on personal care services to be published by the end of December.

**DMH/DD (Business Acumen):**

Wendy Witcig. The Business Acumen was a technical assistance grant DMH/DD received two years ago. Partners included in the grant work included DHSS, MOCIL, Triple A's, DMH/DD provider network and representatives from other networks along with MACDDS. The goal was finding ways to do business better, to provide people with intellectual disabilities services from multiple agencies and organizations, to tap into the expertise of these partners and access that expertise within their waver. They also looked at Managed Care, what it would look like and what they would need to know to be successful within that environment. They learned a lot about different components of managed care and managing care better including contracting, coordination, care coordination versus support coordination, value based

purchasing, and looking at different funding models other than the fee for service currently used. Some of the accomplishments as a result of this technical assistance is we have contracted with Memory Home Care Solutions which is a grantor from the partners with the Division of Health and Senior Services providing assessment and training to families and providers and caregivers around memory care, dementia care, and dementia sensitive care. With the aging DD population, they are seeing more problems related to aging that have not been seen before.

They are wanting to work with the Triple A's and hospitals so when a client is in the hospital a provider staff person can care for them and get paid for it.

They are also reaching out to CILs that employ OT' or other professionals that do environmental assessments that can help in approving services for home modifications and assistive technology.

**SRC Report:**

Joseph Matovu. Reported there are concerns over the shortage of VR Counselors in the Vocational Rehabilitation office. The minutes from the State Rehabilitation Council meeting will be sent to Adonis Brown for distribution to the SILC members.

**GCD Report:**

Claudia Browner. October was Disability Employment Awareness Month. There were several activities around the state including a display in the Truman Building for the entire month highlighting Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Governor's Council participated in the MPACT Transition Summit that was attended by 150 high school students with disabilities. GCD staff did a presentation on the Youth Leadership Forum and also had an informational booth.

A Reverse Job Fair was held October 10th at the capitol in conjunction with the Make

Missouri a Model Employer initiative from the Governor to increase the workforce participation of people with disabilities in state government. This was attended by around 150 people and there were 50 job seekers that had their tables set up on the third-floor rotunda. The event was attended by local employers, service providers, and state agency representatives. Thank you to Rebecca Maynard from VR, Bianca Farr from DMH, and Brian Crouse from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce for putting that event together. Follow up surveys will be done to see how successful the event was and if it resulted in employment for people with disabilities.

The dates for the Youth Leadership Forum have been set for July 14th through July 18th, 2020. Applications are now being accepted for youth delegates, high school students with disabilities, ages 16 to 21 and also volunteers to help with the program. Sponsorship information is on the GCD website if MOSILC would consider supporting the program again as in the past. There is also new video from the 2019 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum. Information will be sent to Adonis Brown to share with the group.

Today is the deadline for the Legislative priorities poll that the Governor's Council on Disability does every year. They have received over 450 surveys so far from the disability community. Laura from the GCD office will be putting together a report and will share it with the General Assembly as well as on our website to let people know what the

legislative priorities are for the coming legislative session.

The Governor's Council on Disability also has posted the nomination forms for the 2019 Inclusion and Youth Leadership Awards on their website. Please share this information with others so those who are doing good things to include individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life can be recognized and honored.

The next meeting of the Governor's Council on Disability is scheduled for next Friday, the 15th at the Kathy Carter Building here in Jefferson City. There will have a presentation on medical marijuana from the Department of Health and Senior Services.

The GCD office has moved to Room 620 in the Truman Building.

July 26th of next year, 2020 is the 30th anniversary of the ADA. Several people have shared they would be interested in working together

on some kind of a celebratory event to recognize the 30th anniversary. Claudia will be reaching out to form a group to work on this.

**DD Council:**

No report.

**MO APSE:**

No report.

**MOCIL:**

Rob Honan. MOCIL held their annual meeting in September. 18 of the 22 Centers are MOCIL members.

**MO Housing:**

Wayne Crawford. The MHDC, the agency that oversees subsidized housing in Missouri, financially controls the most projects in the state. They control these projects for X number of years then developers develop them. This means that Missouri could lose approximately 6000 affordable housing properties in the next five years. They will either be sold or go market rate. Rent for these properties could triple. Agencies need to identify these properties and try to find other housing for their clients to live in.

**Money Follows the Person (MFP) :**

Shawn Brice . This year 68 people have been transitioned. The low number was because the grant was ending and they did not find out until late in the year that it had been renewed. Not all nursing homes are making Section Q referrals to MFP. More education is needed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive:**

Karen Gridley. The Executive Committee approved the financial report earlier in the week. They also reviewed the MOSILC Housing Committee's objectives and actions they want to take as part of their work for the SILC. Adonas Brown has emailed this out. Adonis has been meeting with the Governor's staff to get new members for SILC and get old members re-appointed.

**System Advocacy/Legislative:**

Karen Gridley. Pre-filing of bills will start in December. SILC will be closely watching the one establishing a certified manager and some changes to the CDS program.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

Gary Copeland. The Access and Functional Needs Committee has met twice since the August SILC meeting. There was discussion with Kevin Tweed regarding the potential to incorporate SEMA, EMAT as FAS deployment mechanism. There was an update on the efforts to review rewrite and re-enenergize FAS. Looking at Pennsylvania's fast train program curriculum and trying to get information from that for ours.

The schedule for 2020 Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings is: Wednesday, January the 8th; Wednesday, March 4th; Wednesday, May 6th; Wednesday, July 8th; and Wednesday, September 2nd- all in DMH, Conference Room A.

**Housing:**

Travis Rash. The of the Housing Committee is for safe, supportable and accessible housing. There are three key objectives: housing service provision, housing policy, and housing development. Housing service provisions, they will disseminate information and trainings to allow centers across the state to utilize the most recent up-to-date information on finding the housing in their local markets; education in regards to universal design, finding where the housing is located; and actively participating in local policy making processes; policy they are going to focus on advocacy at the state level, disseminate information in terms of tracking

legislation related to housing. They are encouraging centers to participate in policy making. Housing development, there is a significant supply and demand problem when it comes to affordable and accessible housing. They want Centers to get involved, learn about housing on the local level and connect to local stakeholders.

**SPIL & Consumer Satisfaction:**

Rob Honan. The current SPIL ends June 30, 2020. A SPIL Committee has been meeting to work on the next three-year SPIL. Each Center will be responsible for providing information from their consumers, board members and other stakeholders as to what should go into the SPIL.

SILC has three different surveys on the SILC website, two of them have been closed and one is still open. The annual SPIL tool is closed. Statewide we had 41 total on the SPIL tracking tool. There were 1,436 returns on the consumer needs survey.

The IL outcome survey will be open till November 15th. 3501 surveys have been completed to date.

**Youth Leadership Development:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

Amendment to MOSILC Bylaws: Article VIII Committees, ratified by EC 11/5/19 The Executive Committee passed an amendment to the by-laws regarding SILC committees spelling out want committees there are and the objectives for those committees.

MOSILC Housing Committee: Mission & Objectives passed by EC 11/5/2019. This was covered in the Executive Committee report.

2020 Meeting Dates:

February 13 (Training) & 14 (Valentine’s Day) **Webinar**

May 15 (Peace Officer’s Memorial Day)

August 14

November 6

Rob Honan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Gridley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned