

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

August 18, 2017

Members in Attendance: Rob Honan, Gary Copeland, Karen Gridley, Tec Chapman, Joseph Matovu, Donna Borgmeyer, Lon Swearingen, Jim Brinkmann, RSB; Jeanne Loyd, VR; On phone: Emilio Vela, Chris Camene, Jennifer Williams

Members not in attendance: Debbie Peabody, BJ Davis, Bettina Vinson, Gloria Boyer

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Kelly Cook, VR; Jessica Bax, DHSS; Amy Bledsoe, GCD; Jeff Flowers, TILC; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; On Phone: Patty Halter, VR; Lesa Barber, VR; Barry Elbasani, VR; Aimee Wehmeyer, Paraquad; Nancy Murphy, DCIL; Sara Nunez, OMO

Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Rob Honan called the meeting to order. Rob Honan started introductions around the room and on the phone. Rob asked for a review of the agenda. Rob asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Gary Copeland made a motion to accept the agenda. Lon Swearingen seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by vote of the council.

Rob Honan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2017 SILC meeting. Gary Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris Camene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Budget Committee

Rob Honan gave an overview of the Part B budget report for the third quarter expenses. Rob asked for a motion to approve the Part B budget as presented. Lon Swearingen made the motion to approve the budget. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion approved by vote of the council.

Emilio Vela reported that the committee will be moving the 501c3 bank account from Commerce Bank to Springfield First Mutual Bank.

Chris Camene brought up the question of the next fiscal year budget and approval. Emilio Vela indicated that the Budget Committee will have a special meeting to finalize the budget and request approval from the council by the October 1 deadline.

Chair Report – Rob Honan

Rob Honan presented Tammy McSorley, SILC Administrative Assistant, a gift from the SILC for their appreciation of fifteen years of service with the council.

DSE Report

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

Kelly Flaughner reviewed the FY19 budget preparations. The funding requests from VR and DD will be the same as last fiscal year. A request for \$2.5 million in IL funding will be included which would restore the cuts from the current fiscal year. There was a webinar presented by the ACL to review the president's national budget proposals. The new proposal included the Partnership for Innovations, Inclusion, and Independence or PI3. This new proposal would combine three councils; Developmental Disabilities Council, Statewide Independent Living Council, and the Traumatic Brain Injury Council. This new combination would receive a single state grant. The webinar by ACL asked for feedback from the attendees.

Rob Honan discussed a letter created jointly by the SILC and Vicky Davidson from the Planning Council to address the PI3.

Kelly Flaughner indicated that information that is currently located on the SILC website that pertains to the CILs or reports required by VR will be moved to the VR – IL website and the new location will be emailed to the CILs.

Kelly Cook discussed the IL grant approval letters. Amended budget approval letters will be sent out shortly. Kelly Cook discussed the CIL monitoring for this year. The process has been changed to do more monitoring remotely by email or conference calls. Kelly Cook introduced Lesa Barber as a new IL staff person with VR. She is located in the St. Louis area. Kelly Cook reviewed the Pre-Employment Transition Summer Program statistics.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

Kevin Faust, the RSB Deputy Director has retired. Keith Roderick is the interim Deputy Director. RSB is still shopping for a new case management system. RSB is working on the next fiscal year budget and will be requesting flat funding. Jim discussed the RSB youth summer work experience. Jim asked the CILs to keep RSB in mind when needing any partnering activities.

DHSS Report – Jessica Bax

The agency has hired a nurse to advise on authorizations for personal care and waiver services. Bobbi Jo Garber, the Deputy Director is leaving the agency. The current fiscal budget had several large cuts to the funding. There were 8,811 consumers affected by the change from 100% to 60% of the cost maximum for CDS services. The agency has been contacting those consumers to discuss what services are available to them. Another change was the eligibility score from 21 to 24 to receive personal care services. There were 7,413 consumers affected by that change. The public comment period for the regulation changes started August 15 for thirty days. Jessica discussed the employee disqualification list process.

NCIL Report – Karen Gridley

Karen Gridley reported that four attendees were at the NCIL conference from Missouri. The attendees met with legislators to discuss the priorities of NCIL.

APRIL Report – Emilio Vela

The October 20-23, 2017 APRIL conference will be in Spokane, WA. Emilio discussed the importance of youth representation at the conference. The 2018 APRIL conference will be in Denver, Colorado.

Governor’s Council on Disability – Amy Bledsoe

GCD created a three question survey for the CILs and received eleven responses regarding the Advocacy Summit. Six are willing to advertise and five are willing to host the summit in their area. The date has been changed to November 18. Amy discussed the activities for the Advocacy Summit. This year’s legislative priorities survey is available and the link is on the website and Facebook. The survey is open until November 26. Amy discussed the Youth Leadership Forum held in the summer at MU.

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

No report.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

No report.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Rob Honan

The committee met to review meeting agenda items and the budget reports. Debbie Peabody has submitted her letter of resignation from the council.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

No report.

Emergency Management Committee – Gary Copeland

Gary Copeland has been trying to meet with SEMA to get FAST back as an active program. Gary will work with Emilio Vela at SCIL on emergency preparedness efforts in the state.

Housing Committee – Emilio Vela

Emilio Vela is the new chairperson for this committee. Emilio has been getting updates on the activities of the committee from his staff person Shelby Butler.

Legislative Committee – Karen Gridley

Staff from the CILs have been working with the Missouri Association of Home Care who are having their rules and regulations reviewed. The ED Roundtable group is discussing their legislative priorities for the next year. Karen discussed the HB620 which would rewrite parts of the ADA.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

There was webinar training on the SPIL compliance survey tool which was reviewed with the CILs. Links to the IL Outcomes Survey and Needs Assessment Survey are available on the SILC website.

Training Committee – Tec Chapman

Tec Chapman reported on the activities to plan the 2018 Power Up to the Summit. Tec has been in contact with other CILs to recruit members to the planning committee. The summit will be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on April 15-17, 2018.

Youth Transition Committee

No report.

Nominations Committee

Rob Honan mentioned again that Debbie Peabody has resigned from the council. Rob will visit the Governor's Office to see if there are any pending applications to the council. The new officers for the council will be elected at the November meeting.

Personnel Committee

Tec Chapman reported on the new SILC staff position and the activities to be done to advertise and interview for this position. The personnel committee will meet in the next few weeks to review these activities.

OLD BUSINESS

The SILC had approved the draft contract with VR at the May SILC meeting. The contract has had a few changes that Rob Honan worked with VR staff to make. Rob Honan asked the council for a formal approval of the signed contract. Gary Copeland made a motion to approve the final contract and Chris Camene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Honan discussed streamlining the SILC committees. Emilio Vela will co-chair the legislative committee with Karen Gridley. Chris Camene discussed that the new SILC staff position will be doing some activities currently being done by the committees. There was discussion on creating a resource development committee.

Rob Honan discussed the SILC as an Olmstead organization. The council will continue to plan advocacy efforts for Olmstead.

Rob Honan reviewed the SILC's position on requests for donations or sponsorships.

Lon Swearingen discussed having the SILC write a letter in opposition to HB620. Emilio Vela made a motion to draft a letter along with other disability organizations to oppose HB 620. Tec Chapman seconded the motion. There was discussion on HB620. The motion was amended to sign onto a letter already drafted by several disability agencies. Karen Gridley seconded the amended motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Tec Chapman made a motion to send two SILC representatives to the APRIL conference in October 2017 and two representatives to the SILC Congress in February 2018. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. There was discussion that the registrations can be paid in the current fiscal year. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Open Forum

Adjourn

Rob Honan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tec Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gary Copeland seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

The next meeting will be on November 17, 2017 in Jefferson City, MO.