

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
JCK State Information Center
Jefferson City, Missouri
August 19, 2005

Members in Attendance: Mike Keller, Chair, Joseph Matovu, Barbara Dewberry, Gary Maddox, Clayton Porter, Tim Azinger, Jerry Armstrong, Lloyd Tichenor, Donna Nichols, Donna Borgmeyer, Stephanie White, Jim Brinkmann, RSB; Kelly Flaughner, DVR, Jeanne Loyd, DVR

Members not present: Kevin Jenkins

Others in Attendance: Debbie Hawman, Chris Lloyd, Tamra Schlote, Gary Moll, Sherry Keller, Goldie Parrett, LeAnne Weakley, Shirley Tichenor; Pat Chambers, Rob Honan, Debbie Reithmeyer

Agenda

Mike Keller called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Mike asked for a review of the agenda. Joseph Matovu moved to approve the agenda. Clayton Porter seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

May Minutes Approval

Mike Keller asked for approval of the minutes from the May 2005 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved as written by the council.

Chair Report – Mike Keller

Mike has been talking with other disability groups to try to recruit members for the council. He has talked with the International Institute and the Youth Leadership Forum.

A committee was formed to review the BPAO grant extension and they have completed their task.

Mike attended a Get Out the Vote Retreat in Branson, Missouri.

Mike signed a letter of support for NCIL on ADA.

Mike has been participating on an advisory board for the Cardinal Baseball team to try to make the new stadium as accessible as possible for people with disabilities.

Mike has also been working on the paperwork for the SILC's status as a 501(c)3.

The council received a message from Kevin Jenkins stating that he needs to resign from the SILC due to medical reasons.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Jeanne Loyd and Kelly Flaughner

The Order of Selection waiting list is down to around a 90 day wait which is much better from the 10 month wait it was earlier.

Dr. Loyd discussed proposed legislation at the Federal level that would impact people with disabilities. The legislation is still under discussion and debate.

The PCA Program is in transition to the Department of Health and Senior Services. The vendor contracts have been sent out and the CILs have their written agreements. The transition will officially take place on August 28, 2005. There is a backlog with the assessments and DHSS is working with their staff to try and resolve those issues. There was a discussion on payroll issues.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was asked by the Missouri State Government Review Commission to fill out a five page questionnaire. They are looking at reorganizing state government to reduce duplication of services. They also asked on the questionnaire why Vocational Rehabilitation is under the Department of Education and would it be more effective under another department.

There was discussion of the IL fund and the budget for 2007.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann and Mike Fester

RSB hosted a student conference in St. Louis this month. There were 60 students that participated in the conference. This conference was for RSB consumers who are or will be attending college soon.

RSB is finishing the fiscal year and their number of closures within competitive employment are on target. The Older Blind Services grant is growing.

RSB went through the Federal Biannual 107 Review. They did file reviews for a week and met with the agency fiscal personnel. The week following the review was spent going over the results. RSB discovered that they ranked number 2 in the nation for the amount of money spent on access technology per consumer. RSB also ranked 5th in the nation for average hourly wage for competitive closures.

Mike Fester will be attending a training conference on the new monitoring procedures that will be done at RSA in Washington, D.C.

RSB has had a booth at the State Fair this year. The booth offered free glaucoma screenings.

Janelle Luck was named Interim Director for the Division. There have also been some counselor positions filled around the state.

Mike Fester was appointed by RSB to be their representative on the Governor's Council for Disabilities.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

The State Rehabilitation council has taken a proactive approach to eliminating the Order of Selection waiting list. The council is working on advocating a change in the wording of the Order of Selection due to negative connotations associated with it from World War II.

The State Rehabilitation council needs to add members to its roster. There have been several resignations and term limits. Gary has made several attempts to contact the Division of Boards and Commissions to see about getting replacements. There has been no communication from this agency. The State Rehabilitation council is writing a letter to the agency to ask about why the process has been so slow.

They are looking at a number of program evaluation components for the VR program.

Dave Roberts presented a history of VR at the last meeting. There is a free cd available on this topic from RCEP 7. Gary encouraged everyone to request this material.

There was discussion regarding the State Review Commission and that they will also be looking at all the existing boards and commissions to see if they are necessary to continue their function.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

Donna did not attend the last RSB Advisory Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Mike Keller

The Executive committee discussed the SILC's 501c3 status. The only outstanding response is from the IRS. They are asking for specific language in the SILC's articles of incorporation. This language has been added and Mike will resubmit the application.

This committee recommended sending three people to the APRIL conference on October 8-11, 2005. The people chosen are Tim Azinger, Donna Nichols, and Stephanie White.

Budget Committee – Clayton Porter

The Budget Committee met to discuss and review the current expenditures. The technical assistance fund had a balance of \$40,000 and these funds will revert to the IL fund.

The committee prepared a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year. The figures remain the same as the previous fiscal year.

Communication Committee – Stephanie White

The SILC website now has Legislative Talking Points for people to use for discussion with legislators.

This committee is working on a SILC and CIL fact sheet. These will be distributed to the CILs and the media as soon as possible.

The committee has recommended presenting training on how to effectively communicate in hostile environments. It would be a low cost one day presentation. The SILC members and the audience indicated their interest in this training. Gary Maddox made a motion to accept this recommendation. Jerry Armstrong seconded the motion. This motion was approved by the council.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

Gary attended the National Organization on Disability Forum on Emergency Preparedness in June in Dallas, TX.

This committee did not meet since the last SILC meeting.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

This committee has met five times since the last SILC meeting to prepare for the Universal Design Housing Conference scheduled for September 8, 2005 in Columbia, MO.

Joseph encouraged everyone to attend this conference. All CILs will receive one free conference registration.

Paul Levy has retired as the Executive Director of the Universal Design Housing Network. Lori Steffen is his replacement.

The committee thanked Mark Stone, Executive Director of Services for Independent Living in Columbia, MO for letting the committee use the conference room for their meetings.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The Governor's Council for Disabilities has a new Chair. The new Chair has proposed to limit the LEP to three times a year during the session. The Governor's Council for Disabilities is still reviewing this change.

This committee has prepared another SILC Legislative Issues survey. It will go out to the CILs around the first of October and be due back by October 28, 2005.

Service Capacity – Kevin Jenkins

Mike Keller will be the interim Chair for this committee.

Training Committee – Donna Nichols

There was interest in holding another IL Conference. Gary Maddox suggested this committee get in contact with Alison Martin of RCEP 7 to see about funding to sponsor this conference. Alison did indicate that there was funds available for this training topic.

Donna asked for more volunteers to help this committee organize and plan the IL Conference. Clayton Porter and Mark Stone indicated their interest in helping.

Transportation – Barbara Dewberry

This committee held a conference call to discuss a transportation conference. It would be a one day training held in Kansas City to discuss transportation topics. It would also include resources for the attendees. The proposed presenters would include representatives from the bus and airline industries.

There was discussion of the legislation that was passed that will provide 286 billion dollars to help with rural transportation.

This committee is also looking into compiling a complete transportation resource guide for Missouri.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Tim Azinger

A draft of the IL Outcomes has been sent to the SILC members. The final version should be ready soon and will be sent to all the CILs. 1,471 individuals responded to the survey. Satisfaction with personal service was recorded at 95%, consumers gaining skill or knowledge is 84%, and did the service make a difference is 96%.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

Brochures and conference information received since the last SILC meeting are available upon request to read.

NEW BUSINESS

DHSS Q & A – Brenda Campbell

Brenda gave an update on the transition of the PCA program. She answered questions from the SILC and the audience on the program.

Disability Navigator Presentation - Kirsten Funk

Kirsten gave a presentation on the Disability Navigator Presentation and asked for a letter of support from the SILC regarding this program. This is a two year grant and the proposal would ask for 21 positions around the state.

Open Forum

There was discussion of having a representative from DHSS attend every SILC meeting for updates on the PCA program.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Tim Azinger and seconded by Stephanie White. The motion was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on November 19, 2005 at the JCK State Information Center.