

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
JCK State Information Center
Jefferson City, Missouri
August 18, 2006

Members in Attendance: Stephanie Brady, Chair; Donna Borgmeyer, Vice Chair; Mike Keller, Secretary/Treasurer; Joseph Matovu, Gary Maddox, Donna Nichols, Tim Azinger, Lloyd Tichenor, Jim Brinkmann, RSB; Jeanne Loyd, DVR

Members not present: Jerry Armstrong, Barbara Dewberry, Clayton Porter

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Tammy Schlote, SILC; Mary Wehrle, DHSS; Debbie Hawman, Access; Gary Moll, DVR; Sherry Keller; Shirley Tichenor; Jim Terrill, DVR; Craig Henning, DRA; Lyman Trachsler, WILS; Goldie Parrett, Heartland; Debbie Reithmeyer; Mike Nilges, ILRC

Agenda

Stephanie Brady called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Stephanie asked for a review of the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joseph Matovu and was seconded by Mike Keller. The motion to approve the agenda was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Stephanie Brady asked for approval of the minutes from the May 2006 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Stephanie Brady

Stephanie thanked Lloyd Tichenor for attending the APRIL Transportation Conference. Lloyd will share his information with the SILC at the next meeting.

Stephanie congratulated Heartland for becoming a full fledged center for independent living separate from DCAI. This is good news and progress for Missouri. Goldie Parrett who is the executive director for Heartland thanked the SILC for their continuing support.

Stephanie encouraged centers to send their staff to the upcoming SILC Housing Conference which will be held in Springfield in October.

The next SILC meeting in November will be held in Springfield, MO. The idea of holding the SILC meetings regionally will hopefully encourage local attendance to the meetings by center staff, board members, and consumers.

DSU Reports

Department of Health and Senior Services – Mary Wehrle

Mary Wehrle gave an update on the CDS program. DHSS started a new intake data collection process late last fall. At the end of June there were 12,000 new referrals for in home care with around 10,000 cases being opened and 4711 for consumer directed services with 2078 cases being opened. There was discussion on what other data is available. The SILC would like to know why there is a large disparity between the two programs on percentage of open cases to number of referrals. Mary will try to have this information available at the November meeting.

DHSS released their senior report which is a demographic breakout by county of various issues relevant to seniors. This report can be found on the DHSS website at dhss.mo.gov. This will help agencies plan for services in their counties.

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner and Jeanne Loyd

Jeanne congratulated Goldie Parrett and Heartland on becoming a center for independent living.

Jeanne attended the CSAVR conference in July. The conference included a meeting with RSA by conference call to discuss the new monitoring process.

RSA changed the formatting on how DVR creates their State Plan. DVR reformatted what had already been sent in to meet the new requirements. There is a section of the report that deals with agreements with institutions of higher education regarding services for the blind and deaf clients. RSB has been helping with this requirement to get all the institutions to sign on with the State Plan. There have been a few institutions that have not signed on yet and this will cause DVR and RSB to be out of compliance with RSA on the State Plan. Meetings have been scheduled to talk with the administrators of these institutions to explain what is needed.

The final version of this year's 704 reporting tool is now on the mosilc.org website for centers to download. ILRU is holding a training webcast on the 704 report and Kelly Flaughner encouraged the centers to participate in the call. RSA will be included in the speakers on the presentation.

DVR will be requesting additional funding for the centers in this year's budget requests. Kelly Flaughner and the SILC Executive Committee discussed the SILC budget for this next year and the additional funding that will be requested for the centers.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB has provided two booths at the Missouri State Fair to distribute information on RSB's programs and to also provide free glaucoma screenings.

RSB held the annual Student Connections conference in Kansas City on July 28-30, 2006. It was a good success this year and worked with VR students that are going to college to help them become more successful in school.

RSB is looking at expanding their older blind services program. Zeze Miller will be doing some community block training.

RSB will be holding a blindness inclusion training at the end of September in Kansas City for all RSB staff. This will include adaptive training, basic mobility and ADL skills, job assessments and meeting with prospective employers.

The RSB district offices will be contacting the centers for independent living to hold an in-service training on RSB programs.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

The SRC has taken a strong advocacy approach to getting the higher education institutions to comply with the DVR State Plan requirements.

The SRC is still looking for new members and Tim Gaines is working with the Governor's Office to get new members appointed.

Myra Rackers gave a presentation on an electronic paperless process for Disability Determinations.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

The RSB Council met in St. Joseph in August. RSB is working on the one, three, and five year strategic plans. RSB has asked their staff for their requests and they will look into getting those requests filled.

The RSB Council has looked into the order of selection process in case this comes to RSB.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee met the previous day and discussed several topics. There are a few recommendations from committee which Stephanie will report.

The first recommendation is to have the SILC Training committee look into using some of the technical assistance funds to hold board trainings for center board members when the SILC is meeting in their area for the quarterly meeting. The Training committee will need to look at the technical assistance guidelines to see if they need to be revised or edited to add in language on emergency needs.

The Executive committee recommends by motion for the SILC to purchase each center a copy of the NCIL PART training dvds. This motion was voted on by the council and was approved.

The committee recommends by motion to send Gary Maddox to the Emergency Preparedness conference in Washington DC in December 2006. The motion was approved by the council. Gary Maddox abstained from the vote.

The final motion for recommendation from the SILC Executive committee is to reimburse each center one registration cost for either a staff member or board member to the APRIL conference in October 2006. This is to encourage participation in the conference and to make sure that the SILC is supporting the centers in their technical assistance training. The motion was approved by the council.

Stephanie will get with DHSS to discuss the open NME slots to see what their policy is on this issue.

Budget Committee – Stephanie Brady

Clayton Porter was not able to make it to the SILC meeting. Stephanie Brady gave the Budget report. The Budget committee met the previous day to discuss SILC expenditures and the next year's budget.

The Budget committee recommends by motion to purchase a sound system. Gary Maddox has been researching a suitable system for the SILC's needs during their quarterly meetings. The cost limit will be \$2999 to keep it under the bid amount. The motion was approved by the council.

The Budget committee recommends by motion to approve \$1000 in additional funds to the Housing committee to help pay for the conference in October. The motion was approved by the council.

The Budget committee recommends sending representatives from the SILC to the APRIL conference in October 2006. Tim Azinger made a motion to send three people including Donna Nichols, Tammy Schlote, and Gary Moll as DSU representative. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Communication Committee – Stephanie Brady

Tim Azinger, Stephanie Brady, Clayton Porter, and Mike Keller presented at the IL Summit regarding effective communication in difficult situations with legislators.

The new SILC brochures are being printed and will be available for distribution in the near future.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

Several Missouri people attended the Emergency Preparedness meeting in Washington, DC and came back with good information.

Gary presented on the topic of emergency management at the IL summit and has been attending the special needs committee meetings in Jefferson City. The State Emergency Management Agency will be holding several trainings in the future on emergency preparedness for special needs.

Gary encouraged the centers to look at their own internal policies and have procedures in place to deal with catastrophic events.

DHSS held a pandemic flu exercise in Springfield, MO. Gary had several people with disabilities there to see how the emergency personnel handled the situation. The agencies participating need to have further training on how to meet the needs of people with disabilities in emergency situations.

The other issue that the state is looking at is the Global Information system (GIS). This lists what resources are located in each county or city. This includes transport vehicles, health centers, hospitals, etc.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

Joseph encouraged all the centers to send their staff to the SILC Housing Conference which will be held in Springfield on October 19-20, 2006. He asked the centers to consider supporting the SILC with their activities such as attending these conferences and having staff to sit on SILC committees. Joseph went over the agenda for the Housing conference. Each center will receive one free registration with one paid registration.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The Legislative Committee will be distributing a SILC Legislative Issues survey again. It will be going out in September and due back at the end of October.

The Legislative Education Project will also be held again next year.

Service Capacity – Mike Keller

Mike Keller asked for volunteers for this committee to get activity started.

Mike will be attending several events in the St. Louis area and getting the SILC information to these events. He has also been forwarding funding information to the centers that he receives.

Training Committee – Donna Nichols

The Training Committee held an IL summit in June 2006 in Columbia, MO. Donna encouraged all the centers to participate in the planning process for next time so that the conference can include all the topics that centers want to hear.

Transportation – Barbara Dewberry

No report.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Tim Azinger

The committee had anticipated a presentation from the Washington University research staff on the IL outcomes, but they do not have their data completely assimilated and ready to report. They asked if they could attend the next SILC meeting instead and give their presentation then. Carrie Morgan and Dr. David Gray from Washington University will be giving the presentation on this information.

The committee has held discussions with DHSS regarding sharing with the SILC data that they collect from vendors of the CDS program. Mary Wehrle was in favor of this idea and thought it would benefit DHSS as well and help them to meet their CMS requirements in quality assurance.

Tim encouraged centers to send their staff to the APRIL conference especially to attend the session on the 704 report and outcomes.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

Stephanie Brady read a letter from Lori Steffen who the SILC Housing Committee sent to the Ohio State University Universal Design conference. Lori is the Executive Director the Universal Design Housing Network located in Kansas City, MO. Lori thanked the SILC for sponsoring her attendance at the conference and that the knowledge and contacts that she made will help the SILC Housing committee of which she is a member and also to help her network provide more information to consumers in Missouri.

Stephanie Brady read a letter from ADAPT asking for a \$20 commitment from the SILC. Mike Keller made a motion to send ADAPT a \$20 donation. Donna Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The Budget committee will look into making a larger donation at a later time.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

Donna Nichols brought up the discussion on the photo id requirement when voting. There are attorneys who are getting organizational plaintiffs such as centers for independent living to oppose this requirement.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be on November 17, 2006 at the Southwest Center for Independent Living (SCIL) in Springfield, MO.