

## **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Unapproved Minutes  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
August 17, 2007

**Members in Attendance:** Stephanie Brady, Chair; Donna, Borgmeyer, Vice Chair; Joseph Matovu; Barbara Dewberry; Gary Maddox; Clayton Porter; Lloyd Tichenor; Jerry Armstrong; Mike Keller; Katherine Schroeder, RSB; Jeanne Lloyd, DVR

**Others in Attendance:** Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Tammy Schlote, SILC; Sherry Keller; Shirley Tichenor; Pat Chambers, OMO; Sara McDowell, SADI; Jeanne McKim, RAIL; Theresa Myers, RAIL; Craig Henning, DRA; Stephanie Cox, ILRC; Debbie Hawman, Access

### **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 Jerry Armstrong. The motion to approve the agenda was approved.

### **SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Stephanie Brady asked for approval of the minutes from the May 2007 Council Meeting. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

### **Chair Report – Stephanie Brady**

A SPIL workgroup met to go over the clarifications requested by RSA. RSA requested more detail in the goals and objectives and on collaboration. The 2008-2010 SPIL will be updated on the mosilc website.

The SILC membership situation has become critical. RSA has requested confirmation from the Missouri Governor's office regarding new appointments to the SILC to be in compliance with their requirements. Stephanie requested that each center submit someone from their area to apply for membership to the SILC. Stephanie has sent a letter to the Lieutenant Governor's office requesting assistance from them to get new appointments to the SILC.

Stephanie reported that Tim Azinger had officially turned in his resignation letter from the SILC. Tim Azinger was thanked for his time and efforts on behalf of the SILC during his time as a SILC member. Stephanie asked the SILC for a volunteer to chair the Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee to replace Tim.

Stephanie reported that the APRIL conference is in October 2008, in Missoula, Montana. Gary Maddox will be attending this conference and volunteered to give a report to the SILC at the next council meeting. Donna Borgmeyer will also be attending this conference.

### **DSU Reports**

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation – Jeanne Loyd & Kelly Flaughner**

Jeanne gave an update on the state plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and working with RSA on this process. Jeanne also discussed the need for appointments for the SRC as well as the SILC.

Kelly discussed the need for new SILC members based on all but one member needs to be either reappointed or has exceeded their term limits based on the regulations. RSA will hold the SILC to these regulations and will expect compliance in terms of membership.

The waiting list for order of selection is at the lowest number of people on the list and the shortest amount of waiting time since it was instituted. There are approximately 1300 people on the waiting list with a six week waiting time.

Kelly discussed the IL grant applications. The award letters went out the first of July and some letters requested additional information from the centers.

There was discussion on changing the by-laws to reduce the minimum number of members from 11 to 8. A letter will be sent out before the next SILC meeting for all members to review. This will be voted on at the November SILC meeting.

### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Katherine Schroeder**

The 704 report feedback indicated that RSB met all their standards and indicators. RSB has exceeded their successful closures from the previous year. The numbers are around 1500 successful closures for the IL and Older Blind services cases.

Mike Fester has left RSB to take a different job. Mark Laird will be the acting Deputy Director.

A summit was held at the Missouri School for the Blind and included professionals that work with students with a visual disability. The goals of the summit were to collaborate on ways to more effectively work together to benefit these students. They worked on a directory of agencies that serve visually impaired and blind students in Missouri.

### **SRC Report – Gary Maddox**

Gary provided the SRC minutes to the SILC members through email for their review.

Gary read to the SILC a letter that was drafted by the SRC and addressed to RSA. The subject is the order of selection and the categorizing of persons with disabilities to receive these services and the wording of order of selection itself. The SRC would like the SILC to support the SRC in this initiative. Gary Maddox made a motion to have the SILC sign on to the letter by SRC after review by the Executive Committee. Joseph Matovu seconded. The motion was approved by the council.

The annual report will be completed soon and will be distributed to all interested persons. It will also be posted on the mosilc website.

### **RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer**

Donna gave an update on RSB activities. Katherine Schroeder reported on these items in the DSU reports.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee – Stephanie Brady**

Stephanie had covered what was for the Executive Committee in the Chair report.

Stephanie attended the youth leadership forum. She presented on the SILC and the history of what the SILC has done.

### **Budget Committee – Mike Keller**

Mike gave an update on the balance of the SILC general checking account. The amount is currently \$4571.76. A letter from the IRS regarding IRS 990 filing requirement for small tax-exempt organizations was read to the SILC. This will apply to the SILC. This will be a paperless filing system and will not have a paper form available.

There was a discussion on conference expenses. Joseph Matovu discussed the funding requirements for the Housing Conference next year. Jerry Armstrong asked to attend a national mental health conference in St. Louis in October 2007. Gary Maddox made a motion to ask the SILC to pay for the registration costs for Jerry

Armstrong to attend this conference. Barbara Dewberry seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Jerry will submit an invoice for the cost of the registration and present a report from the conference to the SILC.

Mike discussed the budget for the next fiscal year. He listed the categories which will stay about the same amounts as last fiscal year. Lloyd Tichenor made a motion to approve the budget as prepared. Clayton Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

The council had a discussion on sending participants to the APRIL conference. Gary Maddox, Donna Borgmeyer, and Clayton Porter will already be attending this conference. They will report back to the SILC on the sessions they attend.

### **Communication/Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller**

A survey letter was sent out to all the centers asking about how the centers provided services to the un-served and under-served populations and what barriers the centers encountered while providing those services. There were 16 responses from the centers to this survey. The data will be compiled and sent out to all the centers to share ideas about overcoming those barriers.

The SILC voted at the last meeting to purchase PSA's to give to the centers for their use. Mike Keller wanted to clarify of the number of PSA's to be purchased which are three PSA's for up to \$150.

### **Emergency Management – Gary Maddox**

Gary has been communicating with the committee by email with updates on trainings, research material, and data.

Gary has been attending the Special Needs meetings in Jefferson City. Pat Chambers filled in for him while Gary was out of the office. The Special Needs group is still working on the State Annex making revisions.

Gary has created a notification list of center staff around the state for any impending weather alerts or other potential emergency situations.

### **Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu**

The committee has met by conference call to discuss the next Universal Design Housing Conference to be held in St. Louis next Spring. Joseph encouraged all the centers to utilize the funds available for housing modifications under the Missouri Housing Trust Fund.

### **Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer**

The committee met by conference call to discuss the SILC legislative issues survey. The survey has been revised to only include eight questions instead of over twenty. These eight questions will include topics such as health care, home and community based services, housing issues, transportation issues, employment issues, fiscal priorities that impact Missourians with disabilities, assistive technology, and education. This survey will go out to the centers and consumers in mid September with a deadline of the end of October to be returned so the data can be compiled and reported at the November SILC meeting.

The committee also discussed the Legislative Education Project. The LEP program will be revised for the next legislative session. There will be two different sessions: one for people who have not been to the Capitol before and another for people with experience meeting with legislators. Another change to be made to the format is starting on Monday afternoon for the introduction and basic information.

### **Resource Committee – Stephanie Brady**

This committee will start activities in November 2008 when the new SPIL takes effect.

### **Training Committee – Clayton Porter**

The committee has not met but has exchanged emails regarding potential committee activities. This committee will meet in the near future to start work on future training issues.

Gary Maddox suggested holding a few regional trainings on emergency management and will work with the Training Committee to do this.

### **Transportation – Barbara Dewberry**

This committee has not met since the last SILC meeting.

### **Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Stephanie Brady**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Correspondence**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation by Julie Ousley on Money Follows the Person Grant.

Presentation by Robin Rust on Mental Health Transformation Public Meetings.

### **Open Forum**

Clayton Porter asked that the Executive Committee meetings be open to all other SILC members. There was discussion on asking all SILC members to attend these conference calls and other meetings held in between SILC meetings. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to conduct business between council meetings and present that information back to the full SILC.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lloyd Tichenor. Clayton Porter seconded. The motion was approved to adjourn the meeting by the council.

The next meeting will be on November 16, 2007 at the JCK State Information Center.