

# **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Unapproved Minutes

St. Joseph, Missouri

August 20, 2010

**Members in Attendance:** Stephanie Brady; Pat Chambers; Dennis Atkins; Sara McDowell; Rodney Graves; Chris Camene; Mike Keller; Lloyd Tichenor; Donna Borgmeyer

Members not in attendance: Brenda Mitchell; Nancy Pope; Michele Ohmes; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson

**Others in Attendance:** Rachel Labrado, RSB; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Leslie Anderson, SIL; David Robinson, TWP; Sherry Keller; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Joseph Matovu, TWP; Brenda Philpot, TWP; Joan LaBelle, TWP; Deanna Brown, Access II; Barrnie Cooper, NEILS; Lon Swearingen, TWP; Steve Bartlett, MERIL; JC Dollar, MERIL; On phone: Nancy Murphy, DCIL; Rhonda Cameron, OIL; Theresa Myers, RAIL

## **Agenda**

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

## **SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Pat Chambers asked for approval of the minutes from the May 2010 Council Meeting. Donna Borgmeyer made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

## **Chair Report – Pat Chambers, Vice-Chairperson**

Nancy Pope was unable to attend the SILC meeting so Pat Chambers facilitated the SILC meeting.

Michele Ohmes will not pursue reappointment to the SILC after her term expires in October 2010.

## **DSU Reports**

### **Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner**

Kelly Flaughner and Tim Gaines from VR have been working with the Governor's Office Boards and Commissions to get reappointments of current members and appointments of new people for the SILC and the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Kelly encouraged anyone interested in either of these councils to apply for membership as both need new members.

VR is still awaiting a final monitoring report from RSA. RSA has had some personnel changes and this has delayed the report.

RSA did approve the amended 2008-2010 SPIL for Missouri. The changes were to provide more detail on how Part C ARRA funds were to be spent within the state.

The final draft of the new SPIL was submitted to RSA and they have asked for some clarification and changes on some sections. Nancy Pope, Pat Chambers, Tonya Fambro, and Kelly Flaughner are working on listing activities from the SPIL workgroup meetings for the Objectives section of the new SPIL and those will be added to the next draft sent to RSA. The new SPIL needs to be approved by RSA by September 30 as it goes in to effect on October 1, 2010.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has undergone a reorganization of the divisions and sections. Vocational Rehabilitation is a division within DESE and with the new changes will now be called Office of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation. Adult Learning sections have been reassigned to the reorganized VR and Jeanne Loyd is the Assistant Commissioner over that as well now.

Using the ARRA funds that VR received, the waiting list for services has been reduced significantly and all three categories of eligibility are being served with no one being on the list longer than January of this year.

For this year's budget, VR did not receive funding matches from the state for some federal dollars and as a result had to return \$5.4 million. These funds will be reallocated to other states who can match their state dollars with those federal funds. These funds are an 80/20 match. Many other states also had to return their federal funds because of the lack of matching state funds.

A \$600 million shortfall for the next fiscal year state budget is what is being projected. The department was told to not ask for any new funding or be able to find a way to use existing funds to cover any matching funds from the federal government. This means that VR will most likely have to return federal matching funds again next year. Also, no new funding for IL will be available.

Tonya Fambro gave an overview of the VR/CIL cross trainings being held statewide. There have been fifteen meetings so far.

An ad hoc team for discussing youth transition is being formed and will meet in the near future. This will include CIL staff, teachers, IL staff, and VR staff.

### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Rachel Labrado**

Rachel Labrado, District Supervisor for the Kansas City North District Office gave the RSB report.

RSA released the performance standards and indicators for 2009 and RSB was one of two blind agencies that passed all six indicators. RSB was the only blind agency that passed the standard of two indicators with individuals of minority backgrounds exiting from the VR program.

Michael St. Julian was hired as the new supervisor of field services.

Mark Laird participated in a national conference call with RSA Commissioner Rutledge and other NCASE members.

A staff person for RSB has been participating on a planning committee for the ADA exhibition at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis which is titled "ADA 20 Years Later". The website for this exhibit is [www.actionforaccess.mohistory.org/](http://www.actionforaccess.mohistory.org/)

Rachel is a member of the Kansas City Deaf/Blind task force.

### **SRC Report – Dennis Atkins**

VR is planning to have no one on the order of selection waiting list by the end of the year.

At the last SRC meeting a presentation was made on how VR helps people with mental illnesses find employment. VR received a grant from Johnson and Johnson Company to help with creating job placements for people with mental challenges.

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

No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee – Pat Chambers, Vice-Chairperson**

The committee met and discussed the SILC Resource Committee. This committee is not able to do as much as originally intended due to the restrictions placed on the SILC by RSA. Stephanie Brady, who is the chairperson of this committee, does send out to the SILC and CILs an email with the latest financial, program, or service grants available. She will continue to do this on her own. The Executive Committee recommended to the council to eliminate this committee. Chris Camene made a motion to eliminate the SILC Resource Committee. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mike Keller made a motion to change the title on the Communications/Service Capacity Committee to just Service Capacity Committee. Sara McDowell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Executive Committee recommended sending three SILC members and the SILC Administrative Assistant to the APRIL conference in Overland Park, KS on October 29-November 1, 2010. Donna Borgmeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The SILC members attending the conference will be Rodney Graves, Pat Chambers, and Dennis Atkins.

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

The committee met and reviewed the quarterly expenditures. The new budget was presented for the next fiscal year. Stephanie Brady made a motion to accept the new budget. Dennis Atkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

No report.

#### **Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers**

The Annex X has ended and a new statewide plan will be created. Pat will participate in those interagency meetings.

On a national level, there will no longer be emergency shelters just for special needs populations. The existing shelters will be made accessible for all populations.

#### **Housing Committee – Nancy Pope**

Pat Chambers read the Housing Committee minutes from the last committee meeting.

The next UD Housing training will be at HILC on October 6, 2010.

Jeremy Murray from ILRC is working with Linn Technical College to hold a UD training there. Shelby Butler from SCIL is working with the HBA in Springfield to come to a future UD training.

Shelby Butler is working on a UD informational brochure.

The UD Housing Summit in St. Louis will be held on October 10-12. Katheryne Staeger-Wilson and Jeremy Murray will attend from the committee.

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

The committee held a conference call to discuss the annual SILC Legislative Issues survey. This will be done on Survey Monkey and sent out to the CILs for their staff, board member, and consumers to give feedback.

#### **Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Chris Camene**

The committee met by conference call to discuss the IL Outcomes Survey. This survey is available on Survey Monkey for the centers to fill out. The final date to enter information in this year's survey is November 15, 2010.

The 2011 IL Outcomes Survey will be available in January with the due date to be November 15, 2011.

The committee discussed creating a reporting tool for the CILs to use to track their activities on the new SPIL. The committee will meet on September 28 in Jefferson City to start developing this tool. Tonya Fambro is on the committee and will represent the IL program staff. This will replace the current SPIL quarterly reporting tool once the new SPIL takes effect.

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

No report. The SILC voted to eliminate this committee.

#### **Training Committee – Pat Chambers**

The SILC has been doing outreach trainings to the centers. This includes some sharing of what other centers do as well. There was discussion on how center staff reacted to the trainings.

There has been a change in the date for the next IL Summit. It will be held on July 10-12, 2011 at the Courtyard Marriott in Columbia, MO. This change was precipitated by accessibility issues with the original proposed location.

#### **Transportation Committee – Dennis Atkins**

The committee will meet in September or October once the new SPIL has been approved.

## **Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Chris Camene for Nancy Pope**

The committee met by conference call to discuss resource guides for youth who are transitioning. Dorothy Parks is investigating resources for this guide. There are currently 17 centers that provide youth advocacy services. There are members of this committee on the Missouri Community Transition Teams.

Some other issues the committee is working on are: guardianship information, how SSI affects employment, and assistive technology.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Open Forum**

Pat Chambers discussed the NCIL initiative for the new Independent Living Administration (ILA) to take the place of the current RSA.

There was discussion on getting voting information out to the disability community.

Dennis Atkins gave an overview of a presentation he made at a Lee's Summit school.

Marty Exline from Missouri Assistive Technology gave an update on their activities.

#### **Adjourn**

Mike Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Brady seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on November 19, 2010 in Jefferson City, MO.