

## **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Unapproved Minutes  
Southwest Center for Independent Living  
Springfield, Missouri  
December 8, 2006

**Members in Attendance:** Stephanie Brady, Chair; Donna Borgmeyer, Vice Chair; Mike Keller, Secretary/Treasurer; Barbara Dewberry, Jerry Armstrong, Joseph Matovu, Gary Maddox, Lloyd Tichenor, Clayton Porter

Members not present: Donna Nichols, Tim Azinger

**Others in Attendance:** Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Randy Custer, RSB, Tammy Schlote, SILC; Sherry Keller; Shirley Tichenor; Debbie Reithmeyer; Cindy Moore, Aimee Wehmeier, Karen Sacks

### **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 Donna Borgmeyer. The motion to approve the agenda was approved.

### **SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Stephanie Brady asked for approval of the minutes from the August 2006 Council Meeting. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Barbara Dewberry. The minutes were approved by the council.

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

The SILC will need to work on the next SPIL which comes due next year.

The SILC Executive Committee and other SILC members held a 704 Workgroup meeting on December 7, 2006 at SCIL. The final version of the 704 report will be turned in to RSA by December 31, 2006.

IL Outcomes are due to DVR by January 31, 2007. The CILs are encouraged to contact Kelly Flaughner if they have any questions regarding the IL outcomes.

Stephanie Brady reminded the CILs about emergency preparedness especially in light of the tragic accident at the group home in Anderson, MO.

Stephanie Brady asked for CILs to contact her or Tammy Schlote if they would like to host the May 2007 SILC meeting.

### **DSU Reports**

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

Kelly also reminded the centers about the IL Outcomes which are due January 31, 2007. Kelly asked that the CILs use the correct format for the report which will help DVR compile all the results.

The DVR state plan is also due next year along with the SPIL. There will be a new format to use for the SPIL which will affect the way the SILC and the DSUs will create the new state plan.

Mary Davis, the RSA liaison to Missouri, has retired and her replacement is David Esquith. Kelly discussed the new monitoring process from RSA which will include the IL program and the SILC.

## **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Randy Custer**

Randy Custer is filling in for Jim Brinkmann to give the RSB report. He is the District Supervisor for the Southwest Missouri RSB office.

There were 246 successful closures for RSB clients in their vocational program. RSB is currently looking for a replacement in their supervisor position in southeast Missouri which is in their Sikeston office. RSB had approximately \$600,000 in unused funds in the VR program which will be carried over for use in their services for the next fiscal year.

## **SRC Report – Gary Maddox**

Gary Maddox will send the minutes of the previous State Rehabilitation Council meeting to the SILC members. At the meeting there was a discussion of the Hispanic Liaison I and E grant. The SRC discussed the waiting list which is slowly being reduced. The SRC annual report will be available in the near future and will be disseminated to all interested persons and agencies.

Gary Maddox gave the SILC members a tour of the SCIL offices.

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

No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Stephanie Brady discussed the upcoming SPIL 2008-2010 planning which is due to the State Board of Education in April 2007. The SILC will hold public hearings in January and February in conjunction with DVR for public comment. There was a discussion on ways to get the information regarding the hearings out to consumers. A suggestion was made to include this in the CILs monthly newsletters, social club meetings, and add the information to various websites. Mike Keller made a motion to hold the public hearings in conjunction with DVR and Clayton Porter seconded. The motion was approved. There was a discussion on how to collect the information and public comments. Stephanie Brady will work with Tammy Schlote on creating a form to use statewide.

There was a discussion on recruiting and nominating potential SILC members. This is still an ongoing concern for the SILC.

The SILC members and audience were part of a fire drill held at SCIL during the SILC meeting.

### **Budget Committee – Clayton Porter**

No report.

### **Communication Committee – Stephanie Brady**

The SILC purchased a display board to use at conferences and any public event to help disseminate information regarding SILC and CILs. Clayton Porter suggested using the display board at the SILC meetings.

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

The State Annex is being updated again. Gary Maddox discussed the chain of communication during an emergency. The SILC discussed how the state and each agency and person can make themselves ready for a disaster.

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

Joseph gave an overview of the Universal Design Housing Conference which was held in Springfield, MO on October 19-20, 2006. It was a success and the committee will be starting the planning for the next conference to be held in St. Louis in conjunction with the Starkloff Institute in the spring of 2008.

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

There were 235 SILC Legislative Issues surveys turned in. These numbers are down from last year. The top results are: restore DME equipment, restore funding to all disability related agencies, increase state revenue for IL programs, access to affordable health care, raise CIL funding levels, and increase prescription coverage.

The LEP will be held again next legislative session and will start the week of January 16-18, 2007. Information will be posted on both the mosilc.org website and the Governor's Council on Disability website.

Donna gave an update on the prefiled legislation related to disability topics. Donna will email the list of legislative topics to the SILC members.

### **Service Capacity – Mike Keller**

Mike Keller asked for volunteers for this committee to get activity started. Stephanie Brady and Jerry Armstrong volunteered to be on this committee with Mike.

Mike attended several events in the St. Louis area and sent the SILC brochures to these events. He has also been forwarding funding information to the centers that he receives.

Mike will be part of a focus group for CARF. He will give more information to the SILC after their first meeting.

### **Training Committee – Donna Nichols**

No report.

### **Transportation – Barbara Dewberry**

Barbara gave an overview of the transportation conference held in Kansas City this year. Barbara asked for people to volunteer to be on this committee. Gary Maddox offered a staff person to be on this committee.

The committee has discussed working with other conference planners to add a information session on accessible transportation.

### **Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Tim Azinger**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Correspondence**

No correspondence this meeting. Brochures from the Missouri Department of Conservation on accessible parks are available by request.

#### **SILC Officer Elections**

Joseph Matovu made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers to another one year term. This motion was seconded by Barbara Dewberry. The SILC discussed the motion. Gary Maddox made a motion to close the nominations and Jerry Armstrong seconded. The motion was approved to continue the current slate of officers for

another one year term: Stephanie Brady, Chairperson/President; Donna Borgmeyer, Vice-chairperson/Vice President; and Mike Keller, Secretary/Treasurer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a presentation by the Ubi Duo company on their communication product. Please see Stephanie Brady or Tammy Schlote for contact information on this product.

### **Open Forum**

### **Adjourn**

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

The next meeting will be on February 16, 2007 at the JCK State Information Center in Jefferson City, MO.