

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
JCK State Information Center
Jefferson City, Missouri
February 17, 2006

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

Member not present: Donna Borgmeyer

Others in Attendance: Jackie O'Dell, DHSS; Debbie Hawman, Access; Chris Camene, Paraquad; Gary Moll, DVR; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Sherry Keller; Shirley Tichenor; Pat Chambers, OMO; Craig Henning, DRA; Jim Terrill, DVR; Lyman Trachsler, WILS; Jeff Flowers, TILC; Stephanie O'Bryan, NEILS; Goldie Parrett, Heartland; Rob Honan, Debbie Reithmeyer; Mark Stone, SIL; Nancy Murphy, DCIL

Agenda

Stephanie White 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 Tim Azinger and was seconded by Mike Keller. The motion to approve the agenda was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Stephanie White asked for approval of the minutes from the November 2005 Council Meeting. Kelly Flaughner made note of one correction under her report for the DSU to clarify the length of time for the order of selection. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Azinger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Stephanie White

Stephanie reported that the SILC is now completely a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The certification and letter of nonprofit status was received. The SILC has opened a bank account with Commerce Bank. Mike Keller as Secretary/Treasurer of the SILC has been making these arrangements.

Stephanie reported on her trip to the SILC Congress held in Florida in January. She was told that it was a smaller conference this year than previous years. Stephanie was able to meet and talk with people from other states and organizations. One contact of note was Valerie Robbins from the Pan Handle Center in Texas. She offers a Youth Transition Program to anyone interested. She will send a complete curriculum and support documents. This is all at no cost to anyone who requests this material.

Stephanie was elected as Region VII Alternate Representative. Stephanie will be helping the planning committee for the SILC Congress in 2007. The next SILC Congress will be held in New Orleans, LA and will be co-sponsored by the Louisiana SILC and the Texas SILC.

The Executive Committee met with Sarah Clardy and Kelly Flaughner from DVR to discuss the BPAO grant. It has been extended to September 29, 2006. There will be another request for application coming out in April.

Tim Azinger brought a request from a CIL Executive Director to the SILC as representative of the CILs. The request is to have the SILC look in to mediating the problems between MOCIL and MAIL. Gary Maddox made a motion to table this discussion until after the report from MAIL. Clayton Porter seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the SILC.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner and Jeanne Loyd

Kelly introduced Jim Terrill to the SILC as the new IL staff person. Jim will be splitting his time with VR counseling case loads and helping Gary Moll with the IL monitoring.

The 704 Report was finished in December and submitted to RSA. The SILC held a workgroup meeting in December to finish the SILC portion of this report. There has been some interest from the CILs in holding a review meeting to discuss changes in the new 704 report.

Gary Moll has sent out a reporting tool for the Quarterly Service Report for the first quarter. The IL staff is working on a new reporting tool to use in the future.

IL Outcomes were due February 15, 2006. All but two centers had turned those in. The final report will be completed as soon as all outcomes are turned in. The targeted date for completion was the first week in March.

The House of Representatives budget meetings start February 21, 2006. The IL funding is a top priority by DVR to be discussed. Donna Nichols made a motion for the SILC to send a letter requesting funds to continue for the Nonmedicaid Eligible Program. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the SILC.

Kelly discussed the Paymaster issue of nonpayment of taxes. The Department of Revenue will be pursuing criminal charges against Paymaster for the nonpayment of taxes.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB has been able to open a district supervisor position in Springfield that has been vacant for three years. RSB held a new staff orientation for around twenty people.

RSB is still working on the consolidation of the two St. Louis offices. There are accessibility and transportation issues that have to be worked out before the move can occur.

RSB will hold the Student Network Conference in late summer this year in Kansas City.

The Government Review Commission's suggestion to move RSB to DVR has not been implemented. It may happen in the future, but this will give both agencies time to coordinate a good transition of the programs.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

The State Rehabilitation Council annual report is completed and available in hardcopy. It is also available on the website.

There will be public hearings around the state to discuss VR services. Gary encouraged the CILs to have consumers attend these hearings to get their input.

The SRC has taken a strong advocacy approach to making sure the VR offices are set up so that they are accessible and private for counselors and consumers to conduct their business. The proposed office building standards are cost effective, but do not allow for privacy of the counseling sessions. Gary Maddox proposed a recommendation in form of a motion to have the Executive Committee meet with the affected parties and come up with a written response outlining the concerns and to also look at the possibility of taking a stronger advocacy initiative in relationship to the problem. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the SILC.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Stephanie White

Stephanie introduced Jackie O'Dell who attended the meeting as a representative of DHSS. Jackie answered questions that the SILC or the audience had regarding the CDS program.

Stephanie encouraged all CILs to turn in the IL Outcomes on time to be able to get the final report data to take to the legislators. There was discussion on the IL Outcomes deadline and consequences of not meeting that deadline. Gary Maddox made a motion to go ahead and compile the final report if the two CILs who haven't sent their IL Outcomes in do not send them in by February 21, 2006. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the SILC. Gary Maddox proposed a motion to have the SILC Executive Committee establish a list of recommended consequences to be published and distributed to the CILs prior to next year's IL Outcomes. Clayton Porter seconded the motion. Gary Maddox amended his motion to include that the recommendation would come back to the SILC to be voted on by the full council. The motion was approved by the SILC.

The Executive Committee recommended sending a representative to the NCIL conference. Mike Keller made a motion to send Clayton Porter to the NCIL conference. Jerry Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the SILC.

Budget Committee – Clayton Porter

The Budget Committee met to discuss and review the current expenditures. Clayton Porter was not in attendance at the committee meeting and Tim Azinger acted as chair. The committee discussed the IL fund. A recommendation from the committee is to have DVR review the option of disbursing payments from the IL fund on a monthly basis rather than quarterly so if the fund is swept the balance would be at or near zero. The motion was approved by the SILC.

The committee also recommended that any SILC member that wanted to attend the Power Up conference will have their registration and travel expenses paid by the SILC.

Communication Committee – Stephanie White

The committee is attempting to coordinate a workshop regarding positive communications in difficult situations, especially regarding legislative issues and testifying before committees. The committee hopes to meet in the near future to discuss this goal further.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

The state annex has been signed off by DHSS. They rolled out the plan in Mt. Vernon last month and it was well received by the local emergency management people. There will be a second meeting on March 3, 2006 in Bolivar, Missouri.

Gary asked for volunteers from the CILs to be on his committee. These people need to attend their local COAD meetings and look at how their local plans are going to tie into the state annex.

The next activity for this committee would be to decide how to approach involvement of the CILs from a training standpoint. The committee would need to develop a training protocol to give the CILs guidance.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

The committee has met to discuss the next Universal Design Housing conference to be held in Springfield, Missouri this year. The date will be October 19-20, 2006 at the University Plaza Hotel. Joseph encouraged every CIL to send staff and consumers to this conference.

The committee has two new members from SCIL in Springfield. The Housing Committee has been divided into subcommittees to work on different components of the conference.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

Service Capacity – Mike Keller

Mike Keller asked for volunteers for this committee to get activity started. Mike also asked for new members for the SILC since there is a need for representation in Northern Missouri.

Training Committee – Donna Nichols

The committee has met by conference calls to discuss and plan the next IL conference. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Missouri in June 2006. There will be a very diverse agenda for the two day event.

Transportation – Barbara Dewberry

Barbara Dewberry thanked ILRC for their help in receiving the registrations for the Transportation Conference. This conference will be held April 21, 2006 at the Pioneer Community College auditorium. The registration form is available on the website and will be sent out to all the CILs.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Tim Azinger

The committee met February 16, 2006 to discuss IL and PAS Outcomes. The PAS Outcomes survey that was conducted by Washington University has surveyed 210 individuals receiving the CDS program services. They are working on the six month follow up surveys and 170 individuals have been contacted so far. The outcomes will be made available for everyone as soon as the study is complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

The SILC Chair sent a letter to DHSS requesting a representative attend the SILC meetings. They would be available for questions that the SILC or audience would have regarding the CDS program. Stephanie White thanked Jackie O'Dell for attending the meeting as the DHSS representative.

The SILC sent out letters thanking the Missouri SRC and the Washington, DC. SRC for their advocacy work regarding the language used for the order of selection.

The SILC received a letter from the Missouri Alliance for Full Participation asking the SILC to recognize and support them in their activities.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

Craig Henning represented Missouri Advocates for Independent Living (MAIL) at the SILC meeting. Craig gave a background on how MAIL was formed. MAIL would like to be recognized by the SILC whenever the CIL associations are included in any SILC activities. MAIL would like to request SILC's help in mediating between MAIL and MOCIL to work towards a resolution to their differences. MAIL also asked that Tim Azinger step aside as the CIL representative on SILC due to his being the president of MOCIL. There was discussion on this topic. Gary Maddox made a motion to bring back to attention a request for mediation between MOCIL and MAIL. Stephanie White seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Joseph Matovu made a motion to appropriate technical assistance funds to use towards mediation between CILs who represent MAIL and MOCIL. The requests for funds to use towards mediation have to be made in writing from all interested CILs. This written

request needs to contain which CILs are being represented. The motion was seconded by Jerry Armstrong. There was discussion on procedures related to technical assistance requests. The motion was approved by the SILC.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be on May 19, 2006 at the JCK State Information Center.