

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
JCK State Information Center
Jefferson City, Missouri
February 16, 2007

Members in Attendance: Stephanie Brady, Chair; Jerry Armstrong, Joseph Matovu, Lloyd Tichenor, Clayton Porter, Tim Azinger, Jim Brinkmann, RSB

Members not present: Donna Nichols, Donna Borgmeyer, Vice Chair; Mike Keller, Secretary/Treasurer; Barbara Dewberry, Gary Maddox

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Tammy Schlote, SILC; Shirley Tichenor; Debbie Reithmeyer; Aimee Wehmeier, SIL; Pat Chambers, OMO; Debbie Hawman, Access; Jim Terrill, DVR; Goldie Parrett, HILC; Brad Marsh; DeWayne Williams; Mike Nilges, ILRC; Joyce James, MO P&A

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 Tim Azinger and was seconded by Joseph Matovu. The motion to approve the agenda was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

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

Chair Report – Stephanie Brady

A letter was submitted from Donna Nichols who is resigning from the SILC due to personal reasons.

Stephanie Brady encouraged people to apply for nomination to the SILC to increase membership.

Stephanie introduced Pat Chambers from OMO in Nevada, MO. OMO has submitted an invitation to the SILC to host the May 2007 meeting at their center for independent living. Pat gave an overview of potential plans during the two day SILC activities. Tim Azinger made a motion to hold the May 2007 SILC meeting at OMO in Nevada, MO and the November 2007 SILC meeting at RAIL in Kirksville, MO. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Stephanie reported on the 2007 SILC Congress which was held in New Orleans, LA. The focus of the conference was on emergency management and the impact Hurricane Katrina had on the disability population in Louisiana. Others to attend the Congress were SILC member Donna Borgmeyer and SILC Administrative Assistant Tammy Schlote.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

DVR is working with the legislators on the final budget information from this legislative session. DVR is hoping to get a COLA increase added in the budget which would bring in Federal match funding of \$1.3 million. The current budget is flat funded for DVR and IL programs. There was some confusion in the budget on the expired BPAO grant funding as showing cut. This grant has ended and the new grant under the name WIPA is not fiscally monitored by DVR. The Housing budget hearings are next week (February 20-23).

IL Outcomes were turned in by all the CILs on time. Penny Phillips is working with the data and it should be available for dissemination by March. This data will be placed on the mosilc.org website.

The SPIL public hearings are being held jointly by DVR and SILC. There will be five of them statewide. Kelly reminded everyone of the Jefferson City public hearing to be held after the SILC meeting.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB is waiting for the final budget information from the legislative session. RSB staff attended an LEP session with other CIL staff. RSB hired a district supervisor in SE Missouri and they are recruiting for a teacher position.

RSB is in the process of updating and reviewing the Policy Manual for the RSB IL program and children's services and the Transition policy for students. This review will include eligibility and scope of services.

DHSS Report – Jackie O'Dell

Jackie gave a CDS program report and answered questions by the SILC and audience.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

No report.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Stephanie Brady

Stephanie developed a member list with term dates. The committee recommended sending a letter to the Governor regarding appointment of SILC members.

The committee recommended sending any interested SILC member to the Power UP conference in April 2007. The committee also recommended, by motion, funding for up to two registration costs per center for center staff or board members to attend the Power Up Conference. The motion was approved by the council.

The committee discussed sending a position letter to the Governor on Money Follows the Person funding.

Stephanie went over the SPIL public hearing dates and reminded everyone on how to send in public comments to the SILC.

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.

The Communication and the Service Capacity committees will be combined in order to conduct committee activities. Mike and Stephanie will co-chair this new committee. Pat Chambers volunteered to be on this committee.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

Stephanie Brady read a report submitted by Gary Maddox. During the middle of the week of January 12, 2007, as the storm was developing Gary Maddox contacted Candy Adams, SEMA Area Coordinator and reminded her of the CIL network and their availability in case there were disability related needs. Gary Maddox also expressed his desire to be kept in the communication loop, and she suggested contact with Springfield/Greene County Emergency management personnel which Gary did via their web site on January 12, 2007.

Gary also e-mailed SCIL staff about the chain of command in case of absences, informed the SCIL board chair, and put all the CIL's on "alert" through the SILC.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

The Housing Committee met on February 15, 2007 to discuss the new SPIL housing objectives. The committee went over the current objectives to determine if they need to be continued or if they were fulfilled. The committee will meet again by conference call to continue their work on the new SPIL housing objectives.

The committee discussed current legislation Senate Bill 8 which allows a tax credit for home modifications for accessibility.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

Service Capacity – Mike Keller

This committee will be combined with the Communications Committee.

Training Committee – Donna Nichols

No report. A new committee chair will be needed due to Donna Nichols resignation.

Transportation – Barbara Dewberry

No report.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Tim Azinger

One of the questions asked during the public hearings is on appropriate outcomes measurement for IL programs.

Tim will compile all the CDS program data survey results that was requested from DHSS for dissemination to the centers and SILC.

Tim is still working with the people at Washington University to get their outcomes data presented to the SILC.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

A person from Mongolia who is interested in starting a center for independent living in his country has been corresponding with the SILCs in the US. He may be traveling to this country to tour centers for independent living and receive information on how to start up and run a center.

Stephanie Brady sent a letter from the SILC welcoming the new Executive Director to NEILS in Hannibal, MO.

NEW BUSINESS

Road to Freedom Tour overview was read by Clayton Porter. A suggestion was made to have SILC be involved in the Missouri stops for tour. Dates for the tour stops in Missouri will be posted on the mosilc.org website.

Open Forum

Money Follows the Person grant information will be given at the PIC meeting to be held on March 12, 2007 at 10:30am in Jefferson City. An MRDD grant in Missouri will be for \$13 million.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be on May 18, 2007 at On My Own, Inc. in Nevada, MO.