

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
Jefferson City, Missouri
February 15, 2008

Members in Attendance: Stephanie Brady, Chair (by conference call); Donna Borgmeyer, Vice Chair; Joseph Matovu; Gary Maddox; Clayton Porter (by conference call); Lloyd Tichenor; Mike Keller; Nancy Pope; Lori Steffen, Katheryne Staeger-Wilson; Pat Chambers; Rita Lynch, RSB; Jeanne Lloyd, DVR

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaugher, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Tammy Schlote, SILC; Sherry Keller; Shirley Tichenor; Sara McDowell, SADI; Craig Henning, DRA; Debbie Hawman, Access; Rita Summers, DHSS; Jim Terrill, DVR; Carolyn Chambers, RAIL; Barbara Dewberry; ON CONFERENCE LINE: Nancy Murphy, DCIL; Rhonda Cameron, OIL; Joan LaBelle, TWP; Donna Nichols, DCAI

Agenda

Donna Borgmeyer called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Donna asked for a review of the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Keller and was seconded by Lloyd Tichenor. The motion to approve the agenda was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Donna Borgmeyer asked for approval of the minutes from the November 2007 Council Meeting. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Stephanie Brady

Stephanie thanked everyone who supported her during her term as Chairperson.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaugher

Kelly Flaugher reported on the three VR budget requests submitted for legislative approval. None of these were included in the Governor's recommended budget. One of the requests was the additional funds for the CILs, the second was a state match to bring in additional federal funds, and the last was a provider rate increase for VR providers.

All of the IL Outcomes surveys have been turned in by the centers. Penny Phillips has been compiling all the information into the report and this will be placed online and a link will be sent to the centers in the next week.

Kelly gave an overview of the Consumer Services Guide (CSG) which is on the VR website. It has good information for the centers and consumers to use such as eligibility guidelines.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Rita Lynch

Jim Brinkmann was unable to attend this meeting. Rita Lynch gave an update on the new case management system that RSB is purchasing. RSB has their VR, ILR and OBS manuals online.

The Children's Vision Summit will be held on April 2-3, 2008 in Columbia at the Executive Center.

Senior and Disability Services – Rita Summers

DHSS staff and Julie Ousley, Director of the Money Follows the Person Grant, have been to the centers to train staff on the MFP Project. There are more training dates scheduled for around the state.

A vendor memo will be sent out to the vendors with a frequently asked questions section and additional guidelines on the referral and intake process.

DHSS awarded a contract for a technology project that will place most of their case management online.

Legislation relating to elder abuse is pending and would add stiffer penalties for criminal charges relating to abuse issues. This includes the disability community as well. DHSS is anticipating an increase for the unit rate in the CDS program and in-home services.

There was discussion on staffing issues in DHSS to handle their high caseloads.

Rita will send Tammy Schlote links to the DHSS organizational charts so that SILC members or CIL staff can contact the appropriate staff person with questions.

There was discussion about the 2008 SEIU initiative petition which falls under the Quality Home Care Act which has been filed with the Secretary of State's office. When more information is available it will be brought to the SILC for discussion.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

The February 2008 SRC meeting was cancelled due to hazardous weather.

The SRC has received three new membership appointments.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

RSB is setting up services for transition-aged students. A process for funding and an overview on the children's services will be implemented. The specialists will be creating a mission statement and core functions for this program. This will be included in the state plan which is due for completion in July 2008.

The RSB Advisory Council is awaiting membership appointments to their council. Hopefully they will be placed soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss recent member appointments. There are now six new SILC members. Stephanie welcomed the new members to the SILC.

A disability disclosure form will be sent out to all SILC members before the next SILC meeting to have on file to show compliance with regulations by RSA.

The committee discussed chairperson openings in the other SILC committees. Stephanie encouraged the new SILC members to sign up for at least two committees to help with SILC activities.

Budget Committee – Mike Keller

The committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss expenditures from the last quarter.

Mike Keller brought a motion to approve a recommendation from the Communication/Service Capacity Committee to set up a toll free number to direct any potential consumers or persons with questions about IL to the center in their area. This equipment will be maintained by Pat Chambers at OMO for the SILC. The cost per year is approximately \$660. The council approved the recommendation.

A suggestion was made to place the budget reports on the website before the council meeting.

Communication/Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller

See Budget Committee report for recommendation from this committee.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

Gary sent out an email with details of the last Special Needs meeting. The final draft has not been signed off yet on the Annex X. As soon as it is finalized, Gary will send the report to SILC members and the centers.

Gary thanked Pat Chambers for his help with this committee. Gary has gotten good feedback from the weather alerts he has sent via email to the centers. Gary asked the centers who have not submitted their emergency contact information to Tammy Schlote to do so.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

The committee has been working with the Starkloff Institute and other participants in the planning for the next Universal Design Housing Conference. This will be held in St. Louis at SLU on September 22-23, 2008. The committee has been meeting by conference call every couple weeks on the conference planning.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The committee met by conference call prior to the council meeting. There are several new committee members participating. Donna went over the house and senate bills with the committee that are related to the SILC legislative priorities based on the results of the survey sent out last year. The committee will prioritize them and focus on the ones that are most likely to be approved. The committee will create talking points on those bills to use for advocacy efforts. Action alerts will be sent out to the SILC and committee members regarding any pertinent bills.

A suggestion was made by the committee to meet more often during the legislative session.

Donna encouraged more people to sign up for the LEP. The SILC brochure will be included in the LEP packets for general information purposes.

Resource Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee met prior to the council meeting and discussed the pros and cons of the SILC becoming a state agency for long term stability. After research on this issue, the committee recommends that the SILC not become a separate state agency due to many limitations that would be placed on the SILC and funding concerns. The council voted to approve the recommendation.

The committee discussed researching grants and the possibility of hiring a grant writer in the future.

The committee is creating a new section on the website for resources that include grant and funding opportunities for centers, resources on federal and state reporting, tips and resources for un-served and underserved populations, and a list of training opportunities for local, state, and national levels that would help with various issues for the centers.

Training Committee – Clayton Porter

The committee met by conference call prior to the last council meeting. The committee discussed the next IL summit. Clayton contacted RCEP 7 to see if they would provide funding for this conference as they have done in the past. Dave Roberts of RCEP 7 asked for a budget and a proposal. The council discussed the time frame for the summit. Joseph Matovu made a motion to hold the IL Summit in 2009. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

There was a discussion on sending SILC members to the Power Up conference on April 21-22, 2008. Gary Maddox made a motion to send five SILC members to the Power Up conference on a first come first serve basis. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Transportation – Stephanie Brady

Stephanie Brady thanked Barbara Dewberry for her work as chair of this committee. Lori Steffen will be the new Transportation committee chair.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Stephanie Brady

Stephanie asked for a volunteer to be the new chairperson for this committee. The committee has not met since the last council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

Stephanie received a letter from Theresa Frasier who is with the Museum of Disability in New York. She is looking for states who are going to be doing some legislative work on encouraging Disability History Week which is typically the third week in October. Stephanie will be giving this letter to the Legislative committee for that group to work on.

NEW BUSINESS

New Officer Elections

Joseph Matovu nominated Donna Borgmeyer to be the the new SILC Chairperson. Stephanie Brady seconded the nomination. Gary Maddox made a motion to cease the nominations for the position of Chairperson. Lori Steffen seconded that motion. Mike Keller made a motion to vote Donna Borgmeyer as Chairperson by acclamation. The motion was approved.

Stephanie Brady nominated Nancy Pope for the position of SILC Vice-Chairperson. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. Gary Maddox made a motion to cease the nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. The motion was approved by the council to place Nancy Pope as SILC Vice-Chairperson.

Mike Keller nominated Stephanie Brady as SILC Secretary/Treasurer. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. Pat Chambers made a motion to cease the nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The council approved the motion to place Stephanie Brady as SILC Secretary/Treasurer.

Recognition of Past and Outgoing SILC members

Barbara Dewberry was presented with a plaque from the SILC for her term as SILC Member. Other SILC members leaving the council are Tim Azinger and Jerry Armstrong.

Open Forum

Pat Chambers asked the centers to create awareness in their area of the new toll free number. He suggested using the media resources in their areas.

Michele Krajewski brought a question to the council on the questions submitted to RSA by NCIL on how SILC's were allowed to use their federal funds. She wanted to know if the Missouri SILC had looked into these questions and responses and if this would have any impact in Missouri. Gary Maddox asked Michele to forward the information to Tammy Schlote for dissemination to SILC members for review.

Nancy Pope thanked the SILC for the opportunity to attend the SILC Congress. She found the sessions very informative and learned more about the SILC process and history and how the SILC works in other states.

The group discussed the conference call line for allowing centers to listen in on the meeting. The comments were positive and those participating want to continue to have this option available.

The council discussed the next two SILC meetings. The May 2008 meeting will be held in Kirksville, MO. The Whole Person has offered to host the August 2008 SILC meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to accept The Whole Person's offer to host the August 2008 SILC meeting. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be on May 16, 2008 in Kirksville. Location will be announced soon.