

# **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Unapproved Minutes  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
February 19, 2010

**Members in Attendance:** Nancy Pope; Pat Chambers; Dennis Atkins; Sara McDowell; Michele Ohmes; Rodney Graves; Chris Camene; On Phone: Mike Keller,

Members not in attendance: Brenda Mitchell; Lloyd Tichenor; Donna Borgmeyer; Lori Steffen; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson; Stephanie Brady

**Others in Attendance:** Jim Brinkmann, RSB; Jeanne Loyd, DVR; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Barrnie Cooper, NEILS; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Joseph Matovu, TWP; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Aimee Wehmeier, SIL; Imre Komaromi, ILRC; David Robinson, TWP; Tim Pope; Theresa Myers, RAIL; Max Robisee, CFI; On phone: Kelly Shrewsbury, OMO

## **Agenda**

Nancy Pope called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Nancy asked for a review of the agenda. Michele Ohmes made a motion to approve the agenda and Mike Keller seconded. The motion was approved.

## **SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Nancy Pope asked for approval of the minutes from the November 2009 Council Meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Chris Camene seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

## **Chair Report – Nancy Pope, Chairperson**

No report.

## **DSU Reports**

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

VR and IL have held thirteen cross-trainings around the state. There are three more scheduled.

RSA has posted the monitoring report from their audit of VR and IL.

The amendment to the current SPIL was submitted to RSA in order to receive the Part C ARRA funds. There has been no response from them yet.

The Part B ARRA funds have been approved through the state fiscal agency. The 18 non Part C centers will be getting an application to fill out and send back for distribution of those funds.

The Governor's recommended budget included funding the centers at the FY2010 level.

Kelly gave Tammy McSorley a ten year service award from DESE.

### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann**

RSB is on track with successful closures in their programs for employment, Older Blind services, and IL.

RSB has filled some vacancies recently.

RSB is still working on their new case management system.

The next public forum for RSB will be in Columbia in May.

### **SRC Report – Dennis Atkins**

Dennis attended his first SRC meeting although he has not been officially appointed to that council yet.

The Jefferson City district office gave a presentation on how they streamlined their personnel to specialize in each client's needs.

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

No report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Executive Committee – Nancy Pope, Chairperson**

The committee recommends sending Tammy McSorley to the Power Up conference to have a display booth to represent SILC. The committee also recommended sending a council member who had never attended this conference if anyone was interested. The recommendations were approved by vote of the council.

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

The committee met and reviewed the quarterly expenditures.

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

The toll free number is not being used often, but it has been printed on the new SILC brochures. Pat Chambers suggested using the number to hold information on the ADRC programs and services.

There have been two trainings on outreach held so far for the demonstration grant. Two more have been planned in the Spring.

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

The committee has been working with the Pathfinders disaster response program which was discussed at the IL Summit. SEMA is the lead agency on this program in Missouri. Trainings for this program were scheduled, but due to lack of response were cancelled and have been rescheduled for the summer. There was a discussion of the training and how center personnel can be trained and give that information to emergency responders in their areas.

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

The Housing committee continues to do the regional trainings on accessible housing. There are two more trainings scheduled in the Spring for Joplin and Jefferson City. There has been interest in holding more trainings in West Plains, Nevada and Owensville.

The Universal Design Housing bill was introduced in the House as HB 1737. It will also be introduced in the senate. The committee is working on informational packets to give to the legislators. The committee is also working on creating an informational brochure on Universal Design to hand out.

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

No report. Rodney Graves volunteered to join the committee.

##### **Olmstead Committee – Sara McDowell**

DCAI staff have done two trainings on deinstitutionalization and the Olmstead Act to fulfill the requirements of the demonstration grant they were awarded. Two more trainings are scheduled in Cape Girardeau and St. Joseph.

Sara discussed the struggle of the committee to get people to participate in committee meetings and activities. Sara attends the Money Follows the Person stakeholders meetings. It was suggested to dissolve the SILC Olmstead committee and have Sara give a report to the SILC based on the meetings of the MFP stakeholders group. Dennis Atkins made a motion to dissolve the SILC Olmstead Committee and have a representative from the SILC who attends the MFP meetings give a report at the SILC meetings. Chris Camene seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

The IL Outcomes survey was completed with 100% participation from the centers. This was the first year to use an online based survey tool. There were over 3700 responses. Chris will work with Tammy McSorley to refine the data to give to the centers for their use. The statewide summary will be posted on the mosilc website. The next IL Outcomes survey will be due the same time as the 704 Report. It will be available to post online soon. A hardcopy version will be available also for those centers who would rather write the responses down first.

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

No report.

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

The committee has met to visit different hotel sites for preparation of choosing one for the next IL Summit. A site will be chosen very soon based on accessibility and availability.

Pat and Dennis Atkins discussed a proposal for SILC outreach training to centers. This would be voluntary for any SILC member to participate in visiting the centers in their area to discuss information about the SILC. The trainings would also incorporate cross training of best practices between centers.

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

The committee sent out a survey to all the centers asking about their transportation programs. 19 of 22 centers responded to that survey. The link to the survey will be sent out again to those centers not responding in hopes that they will complete the survey. This information will be used to determine what services are available in Missouri and which centers might be able to provide best practices ideas to other centers that haven't established a transportation program.

The committee discussed goals and objectives for the next SPIL.

### **Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Nancy Pope**

The committee met to discuss networking and collaborating with VR, MPACT, and school districts to get information out to students regarding transition and employment options.

Nancy asked for people to volunteer to join this committee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Correspondence**

A letter from SIL was received asking for technical assistance funds to hire a strategic planner. The SILC Executive Committee didn't feel like this met the qualifications for receiving assistance from the SILC.

#### **SPIL Planning**

There will be five public hearings scheduled for February 2010 around the state. The first one is immediately following the SILC meeting in Jefferson City. The workgroup meetings for the SPIL planning and development will be in March.

#### **Response to CFI**

The SILC is not authorized to recognize a new center for independent living in Missouri by statute or regulation. Establishing and funding new centers for independent living in Missouri is subject to legislative support and appropriations. There is also no mention in the current SPIL of establishing a new center for independent living in Missouri.

Nancy encouraged CFI to attend SILC meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Patrick Lynn from DHSS gave a report.

Representative Grisamore gave a legislative report.

MPACT – Stellar Grant presentation by Karen Allen.

**Open Forum**

**Adjourn**

Chris Camene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara McDowell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on May 21, 2010 in Joplin, MO.