

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
Jefferson City, Missouri
February 18, 2011

Members in Attendance: Nancy Pope; Pat Chambers; Sara McDowell; Mike Keller; Donna Borgmeyer; Chris Camene; On Phone: Dennis Atkins; Rodney Graves

Members not in attendance: Stephanie Brady; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson

Others in Attendance: Ellie Glenn, RSB; Jeanne Loyd, DVR; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Aimee Wehmeier, SIL; David Robinson, TWP; Joan LaBelle, TWP; Jennifer Kixmiller, RSB; Steve Bartlett, MERIL; JC Dollar, MERIL; Barry Elbasani, DVR; Joseph Matovu, TWP; Stephanie Cox, ILRC; Sherry Keller; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Barnie Cooper, NEILS; Theresa Myers, RAIL; Jean Robinson, RAIL; On phone: Nancy Murphy, DCIL; Rhonda Cameron, OIL

Agenda

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

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Nancy Pope asked for approval of the minutes from the November 2010 Council Meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Nancy Pope, Chairperson

Nancy Pope discussed possible new SILC appointments by the Governor's Office. They will be completing reappointments and new appointments in the near future. Kelly Flaughner has also been working with the Governor's Office to get these finalized.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner, Coordinator

All of the 704 Reports from the CILs have been received. Tonya Fambro and Dorothy Parks are working with a few to correct some information. Information from those were compiled into the state 704 Report and submitted to RSA by the December 31 deadline.

The IL Outcomes Survey was completed by all the CILs and a comprehensive report has been created and posted on the mosilc website.

The IL staff will be working on the new grant packet for next fiscal year. This information will be posted on the website and sent out by email.

VR asked for flat funding this next fiscal year. This was included in the Governor's recommendations. VR has released the annual report and a link is available on the website. The new case management system is still being worked on for a go live date of April 1. Public hearings to receive feedback are being held for the VR annual state plan.

Kelly introduced Barry Elbasani as the new IL staff person. He will be working with the IL program part time.

Tonya Fambro gave an update on the ad hoc team for transition. This team is gathering information to put into a packet to distribute to schools and parents on transition information.

Jeanne Loyd discussed a new federal proposal to combine funding sources for CILs.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB has been working with the legislators on budget information. There may be some staff reductions due to budget restrictions although RSB has been able to fill key positions. RSB is using their new case management system for their VR program and will go live with their other programs this Spring.

DHSS – Ellie Glenn

Ellie just started with DHSS as the new legislative liaison. The House has recommended a 2% provider rate restoration that was not in the Governor's recommended budget. DHSS has been working with the Legislative budget committee to educate them on the CDS program. DHSS is watching a new bill on CMS background checks which is funded by a three million dollar federal grant. This means if passed, the bill will mandate that any long term care facilities have background checks on employees through a single point of authority.

SRC Report – Dennis Atkins

The SRC did not hold a meeting this quarter.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Nancy Pope, Chairperson

Nancy called for a formal vote to approve the 2011-2013 SPIL. The council unanimously approved the new SPIL.

Nancy Pope and Pat Chambers gave an overview of the SILC Congress.

Budget Committee – Mike Keller

The committee met and reviewed the quarterly expenditures. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the budget and Sara McDowell seconded. The motion was approved.

Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller

A demonstration grant for each of the three years of the SPIL is being offered in the new SPIL for CILs to apply for showcasing best practices on youth transition and employment. The grant will cover up to \$2500 of expenses for presenting to the others CILs.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

Pat discussed the changes in the sheltering requirements for special needs populations.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

A new UD housing brochure is available and will be placed as a link on the website. There are no regional trainings currently scheduled. The committee is still trying to contact Linn Tech for a discussion there as well as Jefferson College and the HBA in Springfield. The committee is going to update the informational packets to give to the legislators this year.

JC Dollar at MERIL contacted Nancy Pope about getting the SILC to support a letter to the Habitat for Humanity to get them to build all their homes with the UD principles. Pat Chambers made a motion to have SILC support the resolution by MERIL on Habitat by Humanity. Sara McDowell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Chris Camene

The committee will meet soon to discuss the changes needed for the next IL Outcomes survey.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee has been meeting to plan and finalize the presentation schedule for the IL Summit in July. Registration is open for the conference and the information is on the mosilc website. The early bird registration deadline is April 1, 2011. The cutoff for the registration is June 30, 2011.

Transportation Committee – Dennis Atkins

Dennis Atkins asked to be replaced as the committee chairperson.

Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Nancy Pope

This committee is working closely with the ad hoc team for Transition that Tonya Fambro discussed. The committee is also working on compiling information on guardianship for parents to know their rights.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Law change

There was discussion on the by-law change that makes the minimum number of council members 8. Nancy Pope asked for a vote from the council. The by-law change was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

Adjourn

Nancy Pope asked for a vote to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on May 20, 2011 in West Plains, MO.