

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
JCK State Information Center
Jefferson City, Missouri
May 19, 2006

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

Member not present: Barbara Dewberry

Others in Attendance: Mike Fester, RSB; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Mary Davis, RSA; Mary Wehrle, DHSS; Pat Chambers, OMO; Debbie Hawman, Access; Chris Camene, Paraquad; Gary Moll, DVR; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Sherry Keller; Shirley Tichenor; Cindy Moore, OIL; Carolyn Chambers, RAIL; Jim Terrill, DVR; Craig Henning, DRA; Lyman Trachsler, WILS; Goldie Parrett, Heartland; Debbie Reithmeyer; Mark Stone, SIL

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

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Stephanie White asked for approval of the minutes from the February 2006 Council Meeting. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Stephanie White

Stephanie reminded everyone about the IL Conference to be held on June 14-15, 2006 in Columbia, MO.

Stephanie congratulated the SILC Transportation Committee on a great Transportation Conference that was held on April 21, 2006 in Kansas City. It was well presented and had a good attendance.

The SILC is sending Lloyd Tichenor to the APRIL Transportation Conference in June. He will bring back some good information for the SILC.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner and Jeanne Loyd

The IL Outcomes were collected, put into a report, and have been sent out to all the centers. This report is also available on the mosilc.org website. This was the second year for these outcomes and the report shows the two years in comparative data.

The budget has not been signed as of yet. DVR is not anticipating any changes that would affect the IL program. The proposed budget includes a switch of funding for the centers from the ILC Fund to General Revenue in order to sustain this funding and not deplete the ILC Fund. There is also a request for an additional \$150,000 to fund the Heartland Center in Owensville. DVR requested an additional amount of \$75,000 as part of a three year increase to centers that were under the national funding level.

The 2007 IL Grant applications are available on the mosilc.org website. These are due back to DVR by June 15, 2006. There are no major changes in the grant from last year.

There will be a short review of the 704 Report after the IL conference for any center staff that is interested. It will be held on June 15, 2006 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the general session room at the Holiday Inn Select.

DVR is looking closer at the quarterly service reports and the quarterly financial reports. They will be monitored for timeliness and accuracy.

There will be a new tool to use for the quarterly service report. This will be sent out very soon for the centers to use for the third quarter. The first two quarters will be entered in by DVR if they had already been submitted.

Jeanne gave an update on the consolidation and moving of DVR offices. The issue of moving the St. Louis downtown office has been resolved using two offices for counselors to maintain confidentiality for consumers. The St. Louis West office will still be the pilot office to see if cubicles with doors will work to maintain consumer confidentiality.

Jeanne introduced Mary Davis who will be Missouri's RSA representative. Due to the closing of RSA regional offices, all RSA staff will be located in their central office in Washington, DC.

Mary Davis gave a report on her background and her role as RSA's liaison to Missouri.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann and Mike Fester

RSB is working on a one, three, and five year strategic plan. The next public forum will be in St. Joseph on August 3, 2006.

RSB is meeting with MCB and NFB in June to discuss existing and future issues and getting everyone together to help resolve those issues.

The State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind met earlier to have a public forum. About thirty people attended the forum. The council is looking for new members to fill several open spots.

RSB has been able to fill a few open personnel vacancies this year.

The Student Network conference is scheduled again this year for August 2006 in Kansas City.

RSB has recently awarded a PBA contract to the State of Kansas for their Blind Rehabilitation Center in Topeka. They have on campus residential apartments. This makes the fifth PVA facility that RSB contracts with for consumers.

RSB is in the process of re-awarding the Rehabilitation Engineering contracts. This includes rehab technology, rehab engineering, computers, and electronic devices. It includes installation, configuration, and networking.

Jim Brinkmann gave an overview of the Prevention of Blindness program.

CDS Program Report – Mary Wehrle

Mary is newly appointed Deputy Director for the Division of Senior and Disability Services. Brenda Campbell is now the Director for the Division.

The bill that would end the Non-Medicaid Eligible Program has not yet been signed, but the sunset was lifted from the program. The NME program will continue until 2008. There are approximately 94 consumers left on this program.

There will be a unit rate increase of around a dollar per hour.

DHSS will continue to communicate to the centers and vendors about the CDS program via email.

Training continues with staff on the CDS program.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

The SRC nominated the officers for the year. They will stay the same as last year. Linda Benoit will be President and Jason Eftink is the Vice President.

The SRC is looking for new members for their council.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Stephanie White

The committee discussed the new BPAO grant. There was a discussion on the BPAO program in Missouri. The grant is limited to \$300,000 per grant. There is a possibility that Missouri would be awarded more than one grant. The grant is due by July 1, 2006 to SSA.

Stephanie asked that any center who is interested in applying for the new BPAO grant to please email her or Tammy Schlote by May 26, 2006.

The new bank account that the SILC uses has been utilized to deposit conference registrations and pay out for conference expenses. Mike Keller as Treasurer has been overseeing this function.

Stephanie asked for help in recruiting people to be appointed as new SILC members.

Budget Committee – Clayton Porter

The budget committee met on May 18, 2006 to go over SILC expenditures.

The committee discussed purchasing a display board to take to conferences for the purpose of outreach and dissemination of information about the SILC. The committee's recommendation is to purchase a display board not to exceed the amount of \$320 for the use of the SILC. The council voted to accept this recommendation.

The Housing Committee has asked for the amount of \$1000 to use towards sending two of the Housing Committee's members to a national Universal Design conference. The Budget committee recommends accepting this request for funds. The recommendation was approved by the council.

Communication Committee – Stephanie White

The committee met May 18, 2006 and discussed the presentation at the IL Conference regarding how to speak to legislators and how to deal with negative comments while speaking to legislators.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

The State Annex is done although some of the information will need to be revised due to the PAS program moving to DHSS and becoming the CDS program. This means the role of DVR has changed and this will need to be reflected in the changes to the Annex.

Another issue of discussion is the registry for special needs. The idea of a questionnaire for consumers to fill out regarding this registry will be developed and possibly handed out at the IL Conference.

Gary will be presenting a session on emergency management at the IL Conference.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

The Housing Committee met on April 28, 2006 to discuss the planning and development of the SILC Universal Design Housing Conference to be held on October 19-20, 2006 in Springfield.

Joseph invited all the SILC members and centers to attend this conference.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The LEP had 118 participants this year. There were several centers that attended more than one week.

Donna reviewed current legislation and bills that passed.

Service Capacity – Mike Keller

The new display board will help with the outreach for SILC to get information on IL to the communities.

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 more representation in Missouri.

Training Committee – Donna Nichols

The IL Conference will be held on June 14-15, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, MO. So far there are 151 people signed up to attend the conference. There are many different topics that will be presented and a couple of very good keynote speakers.

There was a letter from MOCIL to ask for technical assistance training on the PART training for the 704 Report. This would benefit all centers in Missouri. There was discussion on the PART training. Joseph Matovu made a recommendation to have the SILC fund up to \$4000 to bring the PART training to Missouri with the remaining balance to be paid by the centers willing to participate. Gary Maddox seconded the recommendation. The motion was approved by the council.

Transportation – Barbara Dewberry

Stephanie White read the report for Barbara who was unable to attend the SILC meeting. The Transportation Committee would like to thank ILRC for receiving the registration materials. The conference was a success thanks to the great committee members and speakers at the conference.

Barbara is looking for committee members who live in rural areas to give their input on transportation issues in their area.

The committee received a letter from the RTA and they asked for collaboration with them on the transportation issues.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Tim Azinger

The committee met on May 18, 2006 to discuss IL Outcomes. This data is available on the mosilc.org website.

The committee is still waiting for Washington University to publish their data on the PAS Outcomes. When that data is available it will be disseminated to all the centers and SILC members.

The committee discussed the quality assurance requirements for the CDS program. The reports require survey of 100% of the participants.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

A letter was received from MAIL in regards to mediation between MAIL and MOCIL. Until SILC receives a letter from MOCIL also requesting mediation the SILC will not be able to proceed with this request.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Lauren Swift who is a BPAO Specialist in the Columbia and Jefferson City areas gave a presentation on the BPAO program.

Open Forum

Clayton Porter suggested the idea of moving one meeting a year to a different location around the state in order to reach more people. Gary Maddox made a motion to having one of the quarterly SILC meetings at a location other than Jefferson City to be determined at a later date. Jerry Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be on August 18, 2006 at the JCK State Information Center.