

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
May 15, 2009

Members in Attendance: Donna Borgmeyer; Joseph Matovu; Lloyd Tichenor; Mike Keller; Nancy Pope; Pat Chambers; Dennis Atkins; Sara McDowell; Michele Ohmes; Chris Camene; Gary Maddox

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

Others in Attendance: Steve Kuper, RSB; Kelly Flaugher, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Shirley Tichenor; Polly Nicholson, NEILS; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Sherry Keller; Goldie Parrett, HILC; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Tim Azinger, LIFE; Tim Jackson, DHSS; Wayne Elfrink, SADI, Diane Mouser, SADI; On phone: Melinda Hayes, ILRC, Angela Kirchner, Access

Agenda

Donna Borgmeyer called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Donna asked for a review of the agenda. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the agenda and Joseph Matovu seconded. The motion was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Donna Borgmeyer asked for approval of the minutes from the February 2009 Council Meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Donna Borgmeyer, Chairperson

No report. Information will be covered in the Executive Committee report.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaugher

RSA reviewed the Missouri VR and SILC in March. RSA was impressed with the IL outcomes survey and recommended sharing it with ILRU and possibly presenting on it at a national conference such as NCIL. RSA recommended that the next SPIL be clearer on duties between the SILC and the centers. RSA recommended to VR that the IL program needs to strengthen fiscal monitoring of the centers. RSA wanted the SILC to be clear on the difference between education and lobbying.

The budget for the IL grants has been changed by the legislators and will be reduced by the amount of stimulus funds being made available in Missouri. VR is receiving stimulus funds and will use those to purchase a new case management system.

Gary Moll discussed the RSA monitoring visit and the quarterly SPIL review report.

Joseph Matovu commented on the positive things being done in Missouri by the centers and the IL program.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Steve Kuper

RSB was monitored by RSA for a few days in April and May. They were in Jefferson City for the first three days and in Kansas City for the remainder of the visit. RSB expects the results of the monitoring back from RSA by August or September.

RSB is receiving stimulus funds and would like to work with the SILC transportation committee to discuss project ideas for use of these funds. Jim Brinkmann will be the contact for this.

DHSS – Tim Jackson

Tim Jackson fielded questions from the meeting attendees.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

The SRC met on May 7, 2009. The prior SRC minutes were sent to the SILC members. Gary Maddox did not attend this meeting. The VR Annual Report is available online.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

Mark Laird gave a presentation on entrepreneur opportunities with help from RSB services at a public forum.

RSB is still progressing on implementing the new case management system.

RSB will be sending out a statewide comprehensive needs assessment which is done every three years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Donna Borgmeyer, Chairperson

The committee met and discussed the stimulus funds for Part B. The original plans discussed in February were to distribute the funds equally between all 22 centers. Due to a reduction in GR funds and separate stimulus funds for Part C, a new proposal was discussed. The new proposal would give the Part B stimulus funds to the 18 non-Part C centers. Pat Chambers made a motion to rescind the prior proposal. Chris Camene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council. Joseph Matovu made a motion to accept the new proposal. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. There was discussion on the Part B stimulus funds which will replace the GR funds being reduced making those centers flat funded for this fiscal year. The council voted to approve the motion.

There is a conference in October on aging and health care issues. The SILC was invited to combine their efforts with this conference.

Budget Committee – Mike Keller

The committee met and reviewed the last quarter expenditures.

Mike asked that all committee chairs have their budget requests turned in to Tammy McSorley by August 1.

Communication/Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller

The toll free number is being under-utilized. A suggestion was made to provide this contact information to agencies that would refer consumers to the centers.

The SILC brochure will be revised and reprinted in the next fiscal year.

Mike has resigned from the state disability council. Donna Borgmeyer will be participating on that council.

The service capacity SPIL goal has been met with the regional trainings on outreach this year. Marion Trimble from SCIL was the presenter.

There will be a demonstration grant given to a center for up to \$2500 to provide best practices presentation statewide on outreach to un-served and underserved populations. The deadline for applications will be August 1. Information on the grant will be provided to the centers in June.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

There have been four regional trainings on emergency preparedness held and one more will be scheduled this year.

Paraquad has partnered with several Illinois centers to provide a regional contact for emergencies. There was discussion on creating regional organizations to provide emergency services and contacts.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met and is planning for regional trainings. These will be one day trainings on universal design, retrofit, and advocacy. There will be six regional trainings total with two to be held this fall and the rest in 2010.

The Housing Committee attended an LEP session. Members spoke with legislators on universal design topics. Representative Storch is willing to sponsor another housing bill. Committee representatives will meet with her in June.

The committee will provide information on housing topics at the IL Summit.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The committee met by conference call to discuss LEP attendance statistics. There were 64 organizations represented by over 200 participants during the LEP schedule.

Olmstead Committee – Sara McDowell

The committee met for the first time and went over the SPIL goals and objectives. There will be a demonstration grant provided to a center for best practices training on deinstitutionalization. This grant provide up to \$2500 to the center chosen. The deadline for application is August 1. Information on this grant will be sent out to the centers in June.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Chris Camene

The committee met by conference call to discuss IL outcomes. The committee discussed using a web-based survey such as Survey Monkey. Chris Camene requested that other SILC committees wanting to send out surveys to please contact her to add their questions to one survey to be sent out by the Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee to reduce survey overload on consumers and to increase responses. Membership to Survey Monkey is \$200 per year and has unlimited applications.

Kelly Flaughner discussed the IL outcomes.

Resource Committee – Stephanie Brady

No report.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers

Pat gave an update on the IL Summit planning. Pat thanked the committee members for their hard work on this conference. Addendum 4 to the conference will go out in May.

Transportation Committee – Lori Steffen

Lori Steffen has asked to step down as chairperson of this committee. Dennis Atkins will take over as chairperson.

Nancy Pope read the committee report from Lori. The Transportation Committee has met twice since the last SILC meeting, once on March 9th, and once, by conference call, on April 8th. The primary project that the committee discussed during the last two meetings is an idea to conduct a statewide transportation survey. It was proposed and is being explored trying to do this in conjunction with the QA/CS committee. Professor Giulianne Krug, Clinical Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science at MU in Columbia, has offered to give us input on this process based on the survey conducted last summer by students in her program. Linda Yaeger, executive director of OATS, and a continuing member of the transportation committee, has forwarded transportation survey examples to Lori.

Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Chris Camene

The committee met by conference call and now has six members on the committee. The committee is using SPIL goals and objectives to help direct committee activities.

Chris asked for people to volunteer to be on this committee as it needs more members to carry out activities.

The committee will meet at the IL Summit for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

No correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Camene sent out a link to the executive directors from CARF on home and community based services standards.

Open Forum

Gary Maddox gave an open invitation for anyone that would like to participate in the Day at the Range sponsored by SCIL on June 25, 2009.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be on August 21, 2009 in St. Louis at Paraquad.