

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes

Joplin, Missouri

May 21, 2010

Members in Attendance: Nancy Pope; Stephanie Brady; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson, Pat Chambers; Dennis Atkins; Sara McDowell; Rodney Graves; Chris Camene; Mike Keller; Lloyd Tichenor; Donna Borgmeyer; On Phone: Michele Ohmes

Members not in attendance: Brenda Mitchell; Lori Steffen

Others in Attendance: Randy Custer, RSB; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Leslie Anderson, SIL; David Robinson, TWP; Sherry Keller; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Kelly Shrewsberry, OMO; Carl Powers, RSB; On phone: Tim Azinger, LIFE; Melinda Cardone, ILRC

Agenda

Nancy Pope called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Nancy asked for a review of the agenda. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the agenda and Rodney Graves seconded. The motion was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Nancy Pope asked for approval of the minutes from the February 2010 Council Meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Katheryne Staeger-Wilson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Nancy Pope, Chairperson

Nancy brought up the topic of SILC member terms and expirations. The position on the SILC of CIL executive director nominated by the Missouri CILs to represent them needs to be filled. MOCIL has written a letter to the Governor's Office as well as Gary Maddox. The Executive Committee discussed this issue and a suggestion was made to write a letter to RSA asking for their help in getting appointments and reappointments filled on the council.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

The VR budget has been sent to the Governor's office and is waiting for his signature. Additional cuts are necessary from the state budget before it can be approved. The IL grant was reduced by \$680,000 which takes the funding levels back to FY06 amounts. The Part B ARRA funds have been awarded and sent out. The funds will be spent in this quarter and reported to the state by the end of June. The Part C ARRA funds are still pending due to needing an approved amended current SPIL. RSA has not sent any word yet on whether they will approve the latest submission. There is a meeting planned in Jefferson City for the CILs, DSU's and the SILC to discuss prioritization of the state for disbursement of any future Part C funds.

The VR Annual report has been completed and is available in hardcopy and on the website.

VR and the CILs are finishing up the cross trainings held around the state.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Randy Custer

RSB will go totally live with their new case management system by the end of the state fiscal year. This will make RSB more effective and efficient in managing cases.

RSB has served 1806 people through their VR program, 1080 in the Older Blind program, and 246 people in the IL program.

Randy introduced Carl Powers from RSB who is a rehabilitation teacher. Carl gave an overview of RSB programs and services.

SRC Report – Dennis Atkins

Dennis is still waiting for his official appointment to the SRC.

The SRC discussed the success in reducing the numbers and time on the waiting list.

There was a presentation from the Columbia VR office on assessment training.

VR is going to a different case management system and is in the planning stages for that.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

The council met in early May and discussed a new program that is moving from DHSS to DSS. It provides funds for children who failed vision screening to get further evaluations.

The RSB council would like to work closer with the SILC and the Governor's Council on Disability.

The council discussed the lack of resources and funds for the transition programs for students with visual impairments.

The next meeting will be in St. Louis in August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Nancy Pope, Chairperson

No report.

Budget Committee – Mike Keller

The committee met and reviewed the quarterly expenditures.

Communication/Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller

Marion Trimble from SCIL has completed the requirements for the Outreach trainings for the demonstration grant.

The toll free number has been utilized more due to several centers using their PSA's to get this information out to the public.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee met by conference call and discussed the Pathfinders disaster training. The three trainings scheduled in Missouri this year have been consolidated into one and will be in August.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The regional Universal Design and accessible housing trainings continue to be held around the state. The last one was in Joplin in April. There are more trainings planned for the Fall and possibly next Spring.

Katheryne Staeger-Wilson gave an update on the House Bill 1737 which didn't make it to a vote.

The committee has discussed creating a UD brochure to give out when people are doing trainings or advocacy on accessible housing.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The legislature passed a 23 billion dollar budget and the Governor is going to cut another \$350 million which will probably be line item vetoes.

Donna went over disability related bills that are currently being discussed.

LEP will be revised for next year. The training on how a bill becomes law and communicating with legislators will be done as webcasts.

Donna will be retiring from the Governor's Council on Disability on September 1 and her last day in the office will be July 1.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Chris Camene

No report.

Resource Committee – Stephanie Brady

Stephanie will be updating the articles to be sent out to the CILs to be included in their newsletters.

Stephanie gave information on some available grants that would be of interest to the CILs.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers

The Training committee is coordinating the SILC members to implement the SILC/CIL outreach trainings to be held around the state. This will go over the IL philosophy and purpose and history of the SILC for CIL staff. The training will also go over the different SILC committees and what they do. Along with this training would be a cross training piece between CILs with topics on best practices and technical assistance.

The committee is also working on the 2011 IL Summit which will be held on June 26-28 in Columbia.

Transportation Committee – Dennis Atkins

The committee met and discussed future activities related to accessible transportation. The next SPIL will have topics related to accessible transportation for the committee to use as a guide in future activities. Dennis encouraged all the centers to submit ideas for transportation program funding and utilization to share.

The committee is working on an interactive map to put on the website that shows resources on transportation around the state.

Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met by conference call and discussed transition services for youth going from high school to post secondary education or employment. The committee is working on developing more collaborative relationships between schools, VR offices, CILs and the students and parents.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities asking for participation in a conference to be held on June 10th in Columbia.

Nancy received an email from Lori Steffen asking to resign from the council.

SPIL Update

The new SPIL is nearly complete. The section on un-served and underserved priorities in Missouri will be addressed during the meeting to be held in Jefferson City on May 24.

Money Follows the Person update – Sara McDowell

There have been 429 referrals in the past two months and 221 actual people transitioned from institutions with 36 pending. There are subgroups: housing, legislative, resource, and sustainability. Sara is on the housing subgroup. Missouri Inclusive Housing Corporation is developing a website that will have accessible housing resources listed for the whole state.

The MFP grant has been extended to 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

Davis Robinson asked the SILC to establish a permanent committee to work on the SPIL continuously.

Adjourn

Stephanie Brady made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rodney Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on August 20, 2010 in St. Joseph, MO.