

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
JCK State Information Center
Jefferson City, Missouri
November 18, 2005

Members in Attendance: Mike Keller, Chair, Joseph Matovu, Barbara Dewberry, Gary Maddox, Clayton Porter, Tim Azinger, Lloyd Tichenor, Donna Borgmeyer, Stephanie White, Mike Merrick, RSB; Kelly Flaugher, DVR

Members not present: Donna Nichols, Jerry Armstrong

Others in Attendance: Debbie Hawman, Chris Caminy, Tamra Schlote, Gary Moll, Sherry Keller, Shirley Tichenor; Pat Chambers, Rob Honan, Debbie Reithmeyer, Craig Henning, Michelle Krajewski

Agenda

Mike Keller called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Mike asked for a review of the agenda. Tim Azinger asked to add a report on the 704 Report under new business. Tim also asked to have a report from those attending the APRIL conference under old business. The agenda was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Mike Keller asked for approval of the minutes from the August 2005 Council Meeting. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Azinger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Mike Keller

Mike discussed the status of the 501c3. There will have to be some changes made to the bylaws. Mike will form a committee to go over the changes and make a recommendation to the council.

Mike asked again for help with recruiting members for the SILC.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaugher

The Rehabilitation Act is expected to have a one year extension approved.

The funding for VR has not changed, but the VR basic grant and the supported employment were rolled together. This gives the appearance of more money, but it is just two separate funds listed together.

The Regional offices for RSA have been eliminated. RSA will work out of one central office located in Washington, D.C. Our assigned contact from RSA is Carol Dobach. RSA is planning to visit with every state in 2006 and will follow up on the reports from 2004 and 2005. RSA will ask about technical assistance needs and do monitoring of plans for compliance. In 2007 RSA will do online monitoring which will be periodic and comprehensive.

The order of selection waiting period is down to three weeks.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Mike Merrick

RSB is working on a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Health to access funds from the prevention of blindness program. This will be used for education, screening, and treatment programs around the state. This will be a plus to RSB as the Medicaid program will be cutting vision services for many people.

The two RSB offices located in St. Louis will be combined into one office at the request of OA.

The Governor's Review Commission has recommended that RSB be relocated to DVR. There are no details yet if this will be implemented.

There was discussion on the services that RSB provides.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

Gary did not attend the last SRC meeting.

The SRC has advocated nationally regarding the negative effects of order of selection.

The proposed grant from NIDRR did not get funded.

Gary will send a summary of the minutes from the SRC meeting to the SILC members.

The SRC and DVR staff is working on the annual report. This report will be available to anyone interested and a link will be on the mosilc.org website.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

Donna did not attend the last RSB Advisory Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Mike Keller

Kelly Flaughter gave the summary of Jeanne Loyd's report to the Executive Committee. This was the only topic discussed at the committee meeting.

Mike reiterated to the SILC and the audience that the Missouri SILC is now a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization.

Budget Committee – Clayton Porter

The Budget Committee met to discuss and review the current expenditures.

The committee worked on budget items for the next fiscal year. The categories were as follows: \$13, 000 for Council expenses, \$4000 for Committee expenses, \$20,926.47 for Conference expenses, \$9000 for SPIL objectives, \$1000 for other expenses.

Mike Keller explained that the technical assistance fund has not been utilized so as to not jeopardize funding for the centers since this fund will be used up in the next fiscal year.

Communication Committee – Stephanie White

The committee has discussed the media kits that the centers were given a few years ago. These kits need to be updated and training given on how to utilize them.

The website has been updated and will continue to have new information added.

Stephanie attended the APRIL conference and examples of how to peer with SILCs in other countries were given. The committee discussed looking into getting an international peer group.

The BPAO Specialists have been utilized in getting the SILC brochure out to other agencies and people.

The Committee has discussed having a workshop for center staff and consumers that focuses on legislative advocacy, lobbying simulation, and effective communications in hostile environments. This would be a session at either the IL conference or Power Up.

When the IL Outcomes survey is completed those results will be made available on the website.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

Gary emailed the minutes of the last Special Needs Committee meeting to all SILC members. Karen Benson attended the last SEMA meeting. The State Annex did not get approved this year.

The CILs need to be part of the emergency preparedness and develop memorandums of understanding with their local health departments.

Gary will be sending a letter out to the CILs asking for advocacy to get the State Annex developed.

Gary suggested that the CILs contact their local Citizens Organized for Aid in Disaster (COAD). There is a list of resources for CILs to use on the mosilc.org website.

There was discussion on the impact of emergency preparedness plans in rural and urban areas of Missouri.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

The Committee has met four times since the last SILC meeting to plan and hold the Universal Design Housing Conference. The Conference was held in Columbia on September 8, 2005. There were around 100 people who attended. The registration fees from this year and funds left over from last year's conference paid for the expenses of the conference this year. The SILC did not have to allocate funds for this conference. The next conference will be held in Springfield in 2006.

The Committee has been reviewing the State Plan to make sure all the objectives pertaining to housing will be included in the committee's activities.

Gary Maddox suggested sending a letter of advocacy on a national level to take a position on the rebuilding of New Orleans. They are asking for a waiver of ADAAG Standards.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The Legislative Committee sent out a SILC Legislative Issues Survey to all the CILs and asked them to forward the survey to their consumers. The Committee received back 405 completed surveys. This is almost double from last year. Donna will compile the results and email them to the SILC members and CILs.

The Governor's Council on Disability will meet on December 2, 2005 and will discuss if the LEP should be held every week or a limited number of times.

The Legislative Update is still under debate as well. Donna encouraged everyone to send in letters of support for these two initiatives.

Service Capacity – Mike Keller

No report.

Training Committee – Donna Nichols

No report.

Transportation – Barbara Dewberry

Barbara is requesting people to join her committee to help with the objectives this committee has responsibility over.

The committee has met by conference call to discuss holding a Transportation Conference. The date chosen is April 21, 2006 and will be held at the Pioneer Community College auditorium in Kansas City. The committee will meet soon to discuss conference topics and speakers. The committee is hoping to have vendors relating to transportation at the conference also.

Gary Maddox suggested contacting the APRIL representative on Transportation, Dennis Stronbaugh, to possibly be a speaker at the conference.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Tim Azinger

The Committee discussed the IL Outcomes. The recommendation from the committee is that the CILs do the IL Outcomes which will be sent out by December 1, 2005 and would be due by February 15, 2006. This year all the centers will do the narrative portion which only three centers did last year. The narrative portion consists of a follow up question to one of the survey questions. The Council added an amendment to the recommendation to say that the absolute last day to turn in the survey will be February 15, 2006 and no extensions will be approved after that date. The council approved by vote to accept the recommendation.

The Committee discussed the PAS Outcomes. The recommendation from the committee is that the SILC use the Washington University study that is going on now. The Committee will use those study results in lieu of the PAS Outcomes tool. The Washington University study would send the letters and envelopes to the CILs who would identify consumers to forward the letter to. The consumers are asked to call a toll free number to complete the survey. They are given a follow up survey six months later to determine any changes at that point. This survey will also look at how Medicaid cuts are affecting people, how people are adjusting to being taken off of programs like NME, and how state budget cuts in programs are affecting people's lives. The Council approved this recommendation.

Tim went over the results of the PAS Outcomes data for 2002-2004. This data will be sent to all CILs and will be available to anyone who would like to see it. The mosilc.org website will also have this information.

OLD BUSINESS

APRIL Conference Report

Tim Azinger, Stephanie White, and Donna Nichols attended the conference. The conference had a very strong international representation. Because the conference was held within a couple weeks after the Katrina disaster, the topic of international disaster preparedness was important. The conference had a workshop on disaster preparedness which was very informative.

Gary Maddox is on the APRIL Board and attended the conference as well. Gary discussed the concept of peer development with agencies in other countries. The Youth Leadership focus is a still a highly discussed topic also.

New Officer Elections

Gary Maddox is the chair for the Nominating Committee. The Committee made the following recommendations: Stephanie White to be Chairperson/President; Donna Borgmeyer to be Vice-Chair/President Elect; Mike Keller to be Secretary/Treasurer.

Mike Keller asked for nominations from the floor on the Chair position. Gary Maddox moved to cease the nominations. Tim Azinger seconded the motion. The recommendation by the committee to elect Stephanie White as Chairperson was approved by the council.

Mike Keller asked for nominations from the floor on the Vice Chair position. Tim Azinger made a motion to cease the nominations and accept the committee recommendation to nominate Donna Borgmeyer. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The recommendation by the committee to elect Donna Borgmeyer as Vice Chairperson was approved by the council.

Mike Keller asked for nominations from the floor on the Secretary/Treasurer position. Barbara Dewberry made a motion to cease the nominations and to accept the committee recommendation to nominate Mike Keller as Secretary/Treasurer. Stephanie White seconded the motion. The recommendation by the committee to elect Mike Keller as Secretary/Treasurer was approved by the council.

Correspondence

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

NEW BUSINESS

704 Report

Mike Keller reminded the committee chairpersons to send their committee summary report to Tammy Schlote by December 1, 2005.

Stephanie White will be in touch with the SILC members to determine a work day to put together the SILC components of the 704 Report.

The SILC members will need to review the CILs 704 Reports. This data will be included in the final 704 Report sent to RSA.

Gary Maddox made a motion to give authority to the workgroup assigned to the 704 Report to sign off on the report by the SILC. Tim Azinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Presentation by the Youth Leadership Forum

The SILC sponsored a youth representative to the forum with a requirement that they come to a SILC meeting and give a report on their experience.

Linda Baker and Ben Bauman gave a presentation to the SILC.

Open Forum

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Tim Azinger and seconded by Stephanie White. The motion was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on February 17, 2006 at the JCK State Information Center.