

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
Jefferson City, Missouri
November 16, 2007

Members in Attendance: Stephanie Brady, Chair; Donna, Borgmeyer, Vice Chair; Joseph Matovu; Gary Maddox; Clayton Porter; Lloyd Tichenor; Mike Keller; Jim Brinkmann, RSB; Jeanne Lloyd, DVR

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Tammy Schlote, SILC; Sherry Keller; Shirley Tichenor; Pat Chambers, OMO; Sara McDowell, SADI; Jeanne Calhoun, RAIL; Theresa Myers, RAIL; Craig Henning, DRA; Stephanie Cox, ILRC; Debbie Hawman, Access; Lyman Trachsler, WILS; Michele Ohmes; Lori Stefan; Melissa Earll; Rita Summers; Jeff Sites; Nancy Pope, DRA; Jennifer Gundy, OMO; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Jim Terrill, DVR; Melinda Hayes

Agenda

Stephanie Brady 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 Mike Keller. The motion to approve the agenda was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Stephanie Brady asked for approval of the minutes from the August 2007 Council Meeting. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Stephanie Brady

Stephanie reported that only two SILC members were voting members until the others were replaced or reappointed. The council decided to postpone electing new officers and not take any action on issues that need a council vote until the new members and reappointed members were official.

The 2008-2010 SPIL was approved by RSA after the final revisions were made. The 704 Report is due to RSA by December 31, 2007. A workgroup for the report will be held and anyone that wanted to participate was welcome. Details on the workgroup will be sent out in the next week.

Stephanie discussed the Navigator meeting held in Springfield. The group discussed the sustainability of the grant which runs through June 2008.

Stephanie reminded the centers that the IL Outcome Surveys are due January 31, 2008.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

Kelly discussed the IL Outcomes Survey. This is an important document that is compiled for the use of the centers and for VR to give the information to legislators when they request it. Kelly gave information on a public hearing during December for educational programs.

The VR Annual Report is being compiled for 2007 and Lisa Sone will be taking pictures of the SILC members during the meeting for use in this report.

Kelly attended the CSAVR conference this fall. She brought back good information from other states on VR programs and also information on the Rehab Act. Other information that was brought up at the conference was regarding transition programs and issues.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

Jim reported on the business partnership training in September in Kansas City. RCEP held a national training that RSB and VR staff attended. This explained and encouraged partnerships between the state agencies and local businesses that would employ people with disabilities.

RSB had 256 VR employment closures statewide at the end of the fiscal year. RSB has seven district offices with eighteen counselors in the state. RSB maintains approximately 1200 clients at any given time. RSB met all the standards and

indicators positively. RSB served approximately 2800 people in the Older Blind Services program with 907 successful closures. RSB served approximately 600 people in the IL program with 94 successful closures.

Mike Fester is no longer Deputy Director with RSB. He took a job with Job Point in Columbia as CEO. Mark Laird is currently the Acting Deputy Director.

RSB is currently rewriting the Children's Services program and transition policies. RSB has hired a consultant to revise the Business Enterprise program.

Senior and Disability Services – Rita Summers

Rita reported on the Money Follows the Person Grant. The state operations protocol was approved. The staff is being trained on the process. The system is in place now to do the transition planning reimbursement and that information will be sent to the CDS vendors as to how that process will flow in working on reimbursement for that type of service. Any person that is a potential participant for MFP will be given a priority status.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

Gary attended the November 1, 2007 State Rehabilitation Council meeting. Gary read a correction to the SRC August 2007 meeting minutes that referenced SILC instead of SCIL. Gary brought for the meeting a dvd that had been produced by his center regarding recreational activities.

Gary mentioned the December 3, 2007 hearings regarding testimony for educational and rehabilitation programs. Gary encouraged consumers to give testimony during these hearings.

The VR budget was submitted to the Governor's Office for approval. VR asked for additional funds to match federal funds available. A provider increase was requested for the CRP's and the final additional funds request was for the CILs to increase their funding levels up to the national average.

The waiting list for VR services was discussed. The waiting period for category one is less than a month.

Some suggestions that were made for legislative priorities were real-time captioning on Missouri TV stations and a deaf or hard of hearing bill of rights for children.

SRC had several new appointments to their membership.

Gary Maddox and Kelly Flaughter discussed the Work Force Keys for Missouri. More information on this can be found at www.missourieconomy.org

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

RSB is working with a liaison to the Governor's Office to get appointments to the RSB Council.

RSB held a Vision Summit in August 2007 at the Missouri School for the Blind. Another Summit is planned for Spring 2008.

The next RSB Council meeting will be in Kansas City in February 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Stephanie Brady

SILC Congress is January 24-28, 2008. The committee recommendation is to send Donna Borgmeyer, Tammy Schlote, and one of the new members when they are appointed.

The APRIL conference for 2009 will be held in Kansas City. The Missouri SILC and CILs will have an opportunity to partner in planning this conference.

The SILC is planning a new member training on what the SILC is all about and roles and responsibilities of board members. Center staff and board members are welcome to attend these trainings also.

Budget Committee – Mike Keller

The SILC approved the budget for fiscal year 2008 which started October 2007. The committee reviewed expenses for the last quarter.

Kathy Hoell, from the Nebraska SILC is the Region 7 representative and she is asking for all SILCs in this region to sponsor \$250 for the SILC Congress. This expense will come out of conference expenses.

Communication/Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller

The committee held a conference call on November 14, 2007. The committee discussed the three PSA's being developed for Missouri CILs. The PSA's will be distributed to the centers when they are finished. The committee discussed a toll free number for the SILC that would give contact information for the center nearest the caller. The three PSA's were played out loud for the SILC and audience to hear. One of the PSA's is available in Spanish. Pat Chambers is working on finding out about the toll free number.

The committee also discussed un-served and underserved populations.

Emergency Management – Gary Maddox

The committee did not meet the last quarter. Gary has been in contact with the committee members in regards to weather emergencies.

The Special Needs committee is still working on the updates for the Annex. Gary will distribute the final document to the centers when it is finished.

Housing Committee – Joseph Matovu

The committee has met several times since the last council meeting. The next Housing Conference will be held in St. Louis in 2008 at the St. Louis University. The committee is partnering with the Starkloff Institute to pool resources into this housing conference.

There was a discussion of holding the next housing conference in a rural area.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The committee met November 15, 2007. Donna asked for volunteers to increase the number of people on her committee.

The SILC Legislative Issues Survey was sent out in September and approximately 150 responses were turned back in. The top five priorities are: Health Care including access to affordable health care and increased prescription drug coverage; Home and Community-based services including CDS program, MO Healthnet, NME, and Money Follows the Person; Transportation issues including accessible, affordable, dependable public transportation in both rural and urban areas; Housing issues including accessible, affordable housing, universal design, lifetime homes, income tax refunds for home access modifications; Fiscal policies that impact Missourians with disabilities, support tax and revenue policies that protect health care and services for people with disabilities, and oppose policies that would cause harmful budget cuts.

These issues will also be a part of the LEP as to what to talk to the legislators about. The LEP program has been changed to start in February and the format will be Monday through Wednesday with two tracks. One track will be for beginners who are new to the capitol and legislation. The other track will be advanced for people who have met with legislators before and are familiar with how legislation works. The new schedule is posted on the mosilc website.

Resource Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee met for the first time on November 15, 2007. This committee will be researching issues such as financial resources for the long term sustainability for the SILC and also resources for the centers. Grant development for best practices will be researched and developed.

The committee will add a link to the website for resource tips and getting information out to the centers about grant opportunities.

The committee discussed adding training at the next IL summit about marketing to underserved and un-served populations.

Training Committee – Clayton Porter

The committee has not met since the last council meeting. The committee plans to meet in the near future.

Transportation – Stephanie Brady

No report.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee will be looking into using Survey Monkey for the reporting tool on the IL Outcomes survey.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

Open Forum

Melissa Earll gave a report on the difficulties she experienced while staying overnight in Jefferson City. There was discussion on the need for education to the businesses and chamber of commerce on disability issues and rights.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the council.

The next meeting will be on February 15, 2008 at the JCK State Information Center.