

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
Jefferson City, Missouri
November 21, 2008

Members in Attendance: Donna Borgmeyer; Stephanie Brady; Joseph Matovu; Lloyd Tichenor; Mike Keller; Nancy Pope; Lori Steffen (by conference call); Pat Chambers; Dennis Atkins; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson; Sara McDowell; Michele Ohmes; Ellen Clapper, RSB; Kelly Flaughter, DVR

Members not in attendance: Brenda Mitchell; Gary Maddox; Chris Camene

Others in Attendance: Tammy McSorley, SILC; Shirley Tichenor; Debbie Hawman, Access; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Theresa Myers, RAIL; Jean Calhoun, RAIL; Gary Moll, DVR; Sherry Keller; Julie Ousley; Chris Brundin, MODOT; Wayne Lee; Lorri Waldon, HILC, Goldie Parrett, HILC; Chris Larsen, DSDS; Craig Henning, DRA; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Melinda Hayes, ILRC; Stephanie Cox, ILRC; Mike Griffin; Barnie Cooper, NEILS; Barb Hoelzer, DVR; BY PHONE: Michelle Krajewski, TWP; Joan LaBelle, TWP; Marilyn Finney, MERIL; Gary Copeland, LIFE; Aaron Luna, LIFE

Agenda

Donna Borgmeyer called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Donna asked for a review of the agenda. Donna added election of new officers under old business. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the agenda and Mike Keller seconded. The motion was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Donna Borgmeyer asked for approval of the minutes from the August 2008 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

A SPIL overview conference call was held November 18 to go over progress of the goals and objectives and see what has been done since the last SPIL overview meeting in August.

Donna asked that the committee chairpersons turn in their annual summary reports to Tammy McSorley by early December for inclusion in the 704 report.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughter

DVR has submitted their budget request for 2010. The funds requested were the same as the previous budget year. No information on budget approval has been received back yet.

RSA will be monitoring the DVR and IL programs in Missouri in the next few months. This will include conference calls with members of the SILC and the CILs.

IL Outcomes are due January 31, 2009. This will be the fifth year to use this reporting tool to be able to compare the same data. The Consumer Satisfaction/Quality Assurance Committee will be looking at revising this tool in the next year.

Gary Moll and the IL staff have reviewed the 704 reports from the CILs. They will be contacting the centers if there are any corrections or more information needed. The state 704 report is due to RSA by December 31, 2008.

Barb Hoelzer gave an overview of the DVR Business Network.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Ellen Clapper

RSB had 265 successful closures which is nine more than the previous year. There were 119 successful closures in the IL program which is 36 more than the previous year. There were 985 successful closures in the Elder Blind program which is 79 more than the previous year. RSB provided 5641 glaucoma screenings and 322 resources assistances for the vision restoration services. RSB served 347 families with children with visual impairments.

DHSS – Chris Larsen

DHSS is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$1.598 million and will collaborate with some of the centers for independent living to develop person-centered hospital discharge planning models. An enhancement as part of the grant is also going to be the collaboration of developing some aging and disability resource centers. The process is educate and train hospital discharge planners and create a model for this education and training in the future so that they will work with individuals as they are being discharged from the hospital, aging and disability primary focus on person-centered planning and what they want when they leave the hospital.

A model for the aging and disability resource center will be set up in northwest Missouri and will include 18 counties in the resource area. Heartland Hospital in St. Joseph will be the first hospital included in the grant. Access II, MERIL, and RAIL will be the first centers for independent living to work with this grant. Michael Brewer will be the contact person for DHSS on this grant. His contact number is (573) 522-2655.

SRC Report – Gary Maddox

No report.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

RSB is nine months into the new electronic case management system. They are working on policies and procedures for staff. The children's program will be the first program RSB will use the new system with.

The RSB Advisory Council has had new appointments to their membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Donna Borgmeyer, Chairperson

The committee met November 20, 2008. SILC Congress 2009 will be held on January 2-6, 2009 in Las Vegas. The early bird registration deadline is December 15. The committee recommended sending the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and the SILC Administrative Assistant to the conference. There was discussion on the SILC Congress attendance. The council voted to approve the recommendation from the committee.

Budget Committee – Mike Keller

The committee met November 20, 2008 and discussed expenditures for the year.

The committee reviewed and recommended the following guidelines for committee expenses. They read as follows:

- All committee chairs should check with the SILC administrative assistant before making purchases. The inventory should be reviewed before any new purchases.
- The Executive Committee and the Budget Committee must approve all expenses over \$500.
- If possible, all purchases should be purchased in the state of Missouri.
- Consider all costs, including shipping and handling, before making purchases.
- If possible, three bids should be obtained if amount of purchase is over \$1500.

Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the committee recommended guidelines. The motion was approved by the council.

Communication/Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller

Pat Chambers has coordinated regional trainings on emergency preparedness and outreach to under-served and un-served populations around the state.

Mike Keller is on the Missouri Leadership Advisory Council and the Missouri Disability Vote Project. They held a meeting to discuss new by-laws, policies and procedures.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

There have been two regional trainings in Missouri on emergency preparedness and outreach to underserved and un-served populations. The first was in Joplin and the second was in Kirksville. Trainings are planned for Cape Girardeau and Jefferson City in March 2009.

Employment/Youth Transition Committee – Chris Camene

No report.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met November 20, 2008 to review the evaluations from the 2008 UD Housing Summit. The comments were generally positive. There were approximately 130 people who attended the conference. One of the most popular sessions was the home tours.

The committee discussed holding regional housing conferences in the future for rural areas in place of the one large one.

The committee will be attending LEP in the 2009 legislative session. The committee discussed creating a talking points document to take along to discussions with legislators.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The committee met November 20, 2008 and discussed the upcoming LEP session. LEP will be February through April 2009 this legislative session. LEP needs experienced people to help facilitate the LEP sessions.

There were 570 responses back from the SILC Legislative Priorities Survey this year. That is almost twice the amount from previous years. The top five issues were as follows: 1. Health care issues, including access to affordable health care and increased prescription drug coverage; 2. Home and community-based services, including CDS program, MO Healthnet, Non-medicaid eligible programs, and Money Follows the Person; 3. 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; 4. Transportation and housing issues.

Donna has been working with Stephanie Brady on a disability history week process. It is a national event in the month of October and the committee needs to find a legislator to sponsor a proclamation to declare this event.

Olmstead Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee met for the first time by conference call on November 17, 2008. The committee will work to educate centers and provide more information in the communities about what is available. The committee reviewed the SPIL goals and objectives relating to Olmstead and started planning what action to take.

The committee is planning to do a session or sessions at the 2009 IL Summit. This will also be a lead in to doing a more comprehensive statewide training if the need is there for more education on Olmstead related topics. Michelle Krajewski will send out a survey to the centers on obstacles to transitioning out of nursing homes. This survey will be sent out in January.

Donna Borgmeyer will be attending a Money Follows the Person focus group and will report back to the SILC on this.

Julie Ousley gave an update presentation on the Money Follows the Person grant.

Resource Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee met by conference call on November 17, 2008. The committee decided the best way to disseminate information about grants and funding opportunities to the centers would be through a list serve. Stephanie asked that the centers send contact information to her regarding this list serve. It will go to the executive directors but also anyone else designated to receive this information.

There is information on the website regarding funding and grant opportunities already. This information will be updated regularly.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee has been meeting regularly in whole and in subcommittee groups to plan for the 2009 IL Summit. Many of the centers are involved in the planning process also. Pat encouraged the centers to have more staff members join the committee to plan and implement the conference. All of the presenters for the session topics will be in place by the first of the year. A proposed session list will be sent out to the centers by the middle of January.

Transportation Committee – Lori Steffen

The committee has met twice since the last SILC meeting. The committee is planning to attend the LEP during one week and will work on a talking points document for discussions with legislators. One of the goals of the committee is to focus on communication and getting information out about accessible transportation around the state. There is a new accessible transportation resources page on the website now.

The committee has been working on a transportation panel presentation for the 2009 IL Summit.

Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Chris Camene

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion on the toll free number sponsored by the SILC. This service is not being utilized much so far.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

New Officer Elections

Donna Borgmeyer opened nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer. Pat Chambers made a motion to nominate the current officers for one more year of service in their existing capacities. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

NEW BUSINESS

MODOT Presentation on accessible transportation programs – Chris Brundin

Open Forum

Gary Moll introduced two new members of the IL section staff: Dorothy Parks and Tonya Fambro. The IL section will be planning some statewide training sessions on the SPIL, best practices sessions, and other topics as the centers request them.

Pat Chambers thanked the SILC for sponsoring his attendance at the APRIL conference. He found it to be a very valuable conference in the sessions for center staff.

Joseph Matovu announced that he had received a promotion to Assistant Director. He asked for anyone that is qualified in accounting to apply for his previous position.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting will be on February 20, 2009 in Jefferson City at the Kirkpatrick State Information Center.