

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
Jefferson City, Missouri
November 18, 2011

Members in Attendance: Nancy Pope; Pat Chambers; Sara McDowell; Stephanie Brady; Dennis Atkins; Barnie Cooper; Donna Borgmeyer; David Robinson

Members not in attendance: Rodney Graves; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson; Chris Camene

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Michael St. Julien, RSB; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Gary Moll; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Stephanie Cox, ILRC; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Imre Komaromi, ILRC; Ellie Glenn, DHSS; Joseph Matovu, TWP; Amy Pletz, ILRC; Joan LaBelle, TWP; Theresa Myers, RAIL; Jean Robbins, RAIL; Gary Maddox, SCIL; On Phone: Barry Elbasani

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 Stephanie Brady seconded. The motion was approved.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Nancy Pope asked for approval of the minutes from the August 2011 Council Meeting. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Barnie Cooper seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Nancy Pope

Nancy received a letter from Cindy Bitterman from RSB asking for a representative from the SILC to attend their meetings. Donna Borgmeyer will still attend the meetings, but only as a personal advocate. Barnie Cooper volunteered to act as the SILC representative to the RSB council meetings.

The service capacity committee needs a chairperson. Sara McDowell volunteered to be the new chairperson.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

The 704 reports were due November 15 and the IL staff will be working with those centers whose reports need corrections.

The audit reports are due November 28 to Tonya Fambro.

The IL outcomes survey was closed as of November 15. The results will be compiled and sent out to the centers with an individual report for each center as well as the comprehensive statewide report. This will also be available on the SILC website. There were 3,820 responses on the survey. That is up from last year. Of those responding, 312 reported that they were veterans. 2600 indicated they were registered voters and 2192 said they actually voted during elections.

The VR annual report is posted on the website and has numbers of people served for 2011.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Michael St. Julien

Mr. St. Julien gave an overview of the numbers of people served in their programs. The RSB council is working on their annual report and will have it available by the end of the year.

SRC Report – Dennis Atkins

No report.

RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer

The council met in Kansas City at the end of October. They are working on transition skills in high school students. They are also setting up support groups for students and parents to help with the transition to college.

DHSS Report – Ellie Glenn

Ms. Glenn gave an overview of three health initiatives that have been approved by the Governor's Office. They relate to mammography machine oversight, breastfeeding, and tuberculosis patients. One initiative that is still awaiting Governor approval is the more extensive background check for long term health care employees. There was a discussion about the resolution of the contract issues with Syncare.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Nancy Pope

There was a SPIL overview meeting on November 17 to go over the progress being made on the current SPIL. This was done by using the results of the SPIL overview quarterly reports that are submitted by the centers to the VR IL staff. There will be more overview meetings to be scheduled in the next year.

The Executive committee discussed sending three people to the SILC Congress in January. This would include the new Chair, vice-chair, and administrative assistant.

Budget Committee – Stephanie Brady

The committee met and went over the quarterly expenditures. The budget year ended with not all of the SILC funds being used. The unused funds are used for the IL program monitoring statewide. The 501c3 account has a balance of \$2131.99.

Service Capacity Committee – Vacant

No report. Sara McDowell will be the new Chairperson.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee will be doing more partnering with SEMA in the next year as well as the Governor's faith-based program, and the Pathfinders program. There will be trainings for the Pathfinders program in April 2012. There is a new program that this group will be working with which is the FAST program. This is a functional needs assessment system. Pat Chambers will be sending out more information on upcoming trainings and emergency preparedness opportunities in Missouri.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met by conference call to discuss the regional universal design trainings being held around the state. The next training will be in Nevada, Missouri. Michele Ohmes and Troy Balthazar are the trainers scheduled. There will be another training held in Hannibal in March 2012.

There was Universal Design training in Springfield hosted by SCIL. The presenter was Dr. Corydon Smith from the University of Arkansas. Attendees for this training included the HBA of Springfield as well as architects and contractors.

Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer

The SILC legislative issues survey was sent out again and there were 211 responses. This was the second year of using Survey Monkey online tool for collecting these responses. Health care issues including access to affordable health care and increased prescription drug coverage was the highest priority chosen.

There was a discussion on how to use the survey results. The survey summary will be posted on the SILC website.

Quality Assurance Committee – Chris Camene

No report.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers

The tentative dates for the 2013 IL Summit are June 23-25, 2013. The committee is going to look around the state for an accessible larger venue so the registrations do not have to be limited. The site will be chosen by March 2012. The committee will start looking at training needs for sessions for the next summit.

The committee is also looking at the SPIL to determine other activities that the committee will work on in the next year.

Transportation Committee

Barnie Cooper is the new chairperson and has started gathering information regarding SPIL activities related to transportation topics. The committee will meet to discuss the next steps and also collaboration with other organizations.

Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met and discussed the new toolkit being utilized by special educators, parents, and students with disabilities. The toolkit is available on the SILC website. Tonya Fambro discussed the trainings that have been held to familiarize people with the toolkit and the resources located in it.

OLD BUSINESS

New Officer Elections

Nancy Pope reported that the Executive Committee would like to recommend a slate of new officers as follows: Pat Chambers, Chairperson; Dennis Atkins, Vice-chairperson; and Stephanie Brady, Secretary/Treasurer. David Robinson seconded the recommendation. The council voted to approve the recommendation.

Dennis Atkins, as new Vice-chair will not be able to attend the SILC Congress so Nancy Pope asked if anyone else on the SILC would like to attend. David Robinson indicated he would be attending the Congress.

Pat Chambers gave an overview of the APRIL conference held in October in Anchorage, AK.

Nancy Pope gave an overview of the two \$750 scholarships available for two high school students with disabilities to be distributed through a competitive nomination process. The funds for these scholarships are from money donated to the Road-trip to Independence walk/run held during the IL Summit in July 2011. The centers interested in nominating a student for this scholarship competition must be willing to contribute another \$250 to each scholarship to make it a total of \$1000 for each student. Information and forms for submission will be sent to the centers by email. The due date for the nominations is March 15, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a presentation on diversity and sensitivity training by Dr. Richard Presberry. Technical assistance trainings on diversity and outreach to minorities are available to the centers at no cost. Tammy McSorley will be sending out information on this training to the centers.

Open Forum

Stephanie Brady gave an update on the progress of recovery from the tornado in Joplin. There was discussion on how the other centers in the state could continue to help the center in Joplin with recovery efforts.

Pat Chambers encouraged anyone interested in the SILC to submit their applications to the Governor's Office.

The May SILC meeting will be in Joplin, Missouri. The August SILC meeting still needs a center to host.

Adjourn

Stephanie Brady made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara McDowell seconded the motion. The adjournment was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on February 17, 2012 in Jefferson City, MO.