

Governor's Council on Disability

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2014

Council Members Present/Participating:

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Rep. Jeff Grisamore, Ron Hack, Mary Ann Harter, Teri Miller, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, Derek Smith, James Trout

Council Members Not Present/Participating:

Chuck Comstock, Ed Duff, Mike Esser, Todd Mayfield, Bob Wallace

Department Liaisons:

Capt. David Flannigan	Missouri State Highway Patrol – MSHP
Kristin Funk	Department of Economic Development – DED/DWD
Bobbi Jo Garber	Department of Health & Senior Services – DHSS/DSDS
Jonathan Hensley	Attorney General's Office – AGO
Adam Hoffman	Department of Transportation – MODOT
Julie Juergens	Department of Social Services – DSS
Angelette Prichett	Department of Higher Education – DHE
Duane Shumate	Department of Mental Health – DMH/DDD

Guests:

Rusty Monhollon, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Department of Higher Education
Patricia Ritchie, National Association of Injured & Disabled Workers
Kelly Kronk, Longview Community College

Staff:

Linda Baker, Claudia Browner, Dawn Evans, Laura Mueth

Real-Time Captioner: Deb Reithmeyer

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. With ten (10) Council members in attendance, there was a quorum for the meeting. Introductions followed.

Approval of agenda and minutes:

The Council members unanimously approved the amended meeting minutes for February 10 and the agenda for the day.

Report from Acting Chair James Trout:

Universal Design (UD) stakeholder groups have collaborated to address Missouri Universal Design Criteria to be used as a standard. Kip Stetzler (MHDC), Bryan May (Governor's Office), and Colleen Starkloff (Starkloff Disability Institute) will be presenting at various upcoming conferences to propose the Missouri UD criteria standards.

The Council unanimously voted to approve the Missouri UD criteria and support state agencies in its use. Linda Baker will seek approval to post the Missouri UD criteria on GCD's Disability Web Portal.

Report from Executive Director Linda Baker:

- Linda summarized her ED report. GCD has spent about 69% of its FY14 budget.

- GCD has received 26 applications for the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- Participation in the Legislative Education Project (LEP) at the capitol has decreased since the beginning of the program due to many organizations doing their own advocacy events.
- The strategic plan for 2014-2016 will be sent to the Council for review/comment in June.

Department Liaison Information:

Julie Juergens (DSS) – Under the Money Follows the Person grant, 164 individuals have transitioned into the community in 2013. The goal for 2014 is 172. To date, 36 individuals have transitioned and 133 cases are pending. The lack of housing is a huge issue. MFP is working with MHDC on funding proposal for Section 811 rental assistance funds to subsidize housing. HB 1156 (Rep. Lair) looks at the sustainability of the Money Follows the Person program after the grant ends in 2015. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) will conduct an on-site visit in Missouri in August 2014.

Duane Shumate (DMH) – Bernie Simons has left the Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD). Jeff Grosvenor is serving as the interim director while the division is looking for a new director. DDD has established a DD System Workgroup to look at delegating some of the regional office duties to local cooperatives. More information can be found at <http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/DDSystemWorkgroup.htm>

CMS has issued a new rule for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). All states will be required to submit a transition plan to come into compliance with that new rule prior to March 2015.

Kristin Funk (DED/DWD) – DWD continues to participate in the Show Me Career grant with UMKC, which serves individuals with developmental disabilities in seven pilot communities. Kristin attended DDD's Asset Development Summit on April 24.

Angelette Prichett (DHE) – Was reappointed as DHE's liaison to the Council. One of her roles is director of assessment initiatives. HB 1042, which was passed in July 2012, required DHE to develop a policy for best practices and implementing developmental education on college and university campuses.

Jonathon Hensley (AGO) – Receives frequent questions regarding the Olmstead policy. Asked for a comprehensive list of state ADA coordinators.

Captain David Flannigan (MSHP) introduced himself as the new liaison for MSHP, where he serves as director of Human Resources and the department's designated ADA coordinator.

Bobbi Jo Garber (DHSS) – Provided an update on the Division of Senior and Disability Services' three waiver programs (Disabled, Independent Living, and Adult Day Care). The Federal Government has issued new waiver rules for HCBS settings. DHSS is working on getting this new information out to the service provider agencies. For the independent living waiver, there has been a change in how personal care service payments are processed. All 55,000+ HCBS participants require an annual reassessment, and the department is working on complying with this requirement.

GCD Committee Reports:

Executive and Strategic Planning Committee: James Trout appointed Teri Miller to the committee.

Employment and Education Committee: James Trout appointed Dr. Joan Bergstrom to the committee. Dr. Bergstrom stated her concern with the legislation regarding higher education and commented that community colleges are bridging the gap between basic and college education. 70% of high school graduates are graduating without high school level education.

Legislative Committee: Jeff Grisamore gave an update on pending disability-related legislation. The Standing Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities has made major progress for people with disabilities. Disability services received appropriations in the amount of \$123.5 million. Rep. Grisamore is currently serving his last term. He recommended Rep. Barr as his replacement on the Council and as Chair of the Standing Committee. The Council thanked Rep. Grisamore for his service on the Council and his work for people with disabilities.

Housing Sub-Committee: James Trout reported that for 2016, MHDC has agreed to give preferential standing to developers whose proposed projects are 100% universally designed. In the meantime, MHDC will train its staff and provide training at their conferences for universal design.

Lunch recess was taken.

Public Comment:

Patty Ritchie, Volunteer Public Policy Director with the National Association of Injured and Disabled Workers (NAIDW) commented on a sample disability accommodations policy that had been posted on the OA website. She provided the Council with a written statement that was emailed to the Council members.

Council member reports:

Derek Smith has moved into the new accessible home he built.

Teri Miller announced that effective May 5, the Eastern Missouri Transportation Coordinating Council has hired Rachel Burr as their mobility manager to coordinate transportation services for people with disabilities.

DeAnna Noriega served on the Disability Rights Legislative Day Planning Committee for 2014, and planning meetings for 2015 will begin in September.

Sue Orton reported that about 150 individuals attended Brain Injury Awareness Day at the capitol. Rep. Sommer has filed HB 1309, which would increase Brain Injury funding.

Presentation:

Dr. Monhollon provided a presentation on the Principles of Best Practices in Remedial Education. HB 1042 signed into law in 2012 charged the Board of Coordinating Higher Education (BCHE) and DHE with: 1. Building a core transfer library, 2. Developing policy to foster reverse transfer, and 3. Identifying & supporting best practices in developmental education. The "Principles of Best Practices in Remedial Education Policy" was approved in the fall of 2013. Additional information can be found at www.dhe.mo.gov.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Friday, September 19, 2014** at 10 AM in room 315 of the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City.

Summary of Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Get approval to post Missouri UD criteria on Disability Web Portal	Linda Baker
Send strategic plan to Council for review/input	Linda Baker
Send list of ADA coordinators to Jonathon Hensley (AGO)	Linda Baker

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I
April 30, 2014