

# **Governor's Council on Disability Meeting Minutes November 18, 2016**

## **Council Members Present/Participating:**

Chuck Comstock, Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Ron Hack, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, James Trout, Bob Wallace, Yvonne Wright

## **Council Members Not Present/Participating:**

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Mary Ann Harter, Todd Mayfield, Derek Smith

## **Department Liaisons:**

Bonnie Aaron	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE/Special Ed
Becky Brietzke	Department of Transportation – MODOT
Brooke Dawson	Department of Mental Health - DMH
Kristin Funk	Department of Economic Development – DED/DWD
JoAnn Hanley	Department of Conservation - MDC
Steven Milburn	Department of Social Services – DSS
Leanne Peace	Missouri Kidney Program
Lynette Ricks	Office of State Court Administrator – OSCA
Shomari Rozier	Department of Health and Senior Services – DHSS

## **Staff:**

Robert Honan, Claudia Browner, Judy Grainger, Laura Mueth

## **Guest:**

Kim Gee, DESE/Vocational Rehabilitation

**Real-Time Captioner:** Darlene Pickard

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. With eight (8) 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 September 16, 2016 and the agenda for the day.

**Public Comment:** None

## **Report from Chair Yvonne Wright:**

GCD is still expecting the new appointments to the Council. Yvonne and Rob have met again with AJ Fox in the Boards and Commissions office to identify available applicants and discuss the need to appoint members for the vacant positions on the Council to comply with the statutes that require Council member representation from each Congressional District in Missouri. Mr. Fox indicated that there would be new appointments before January.

## **Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019:**

In committee meetings held in October, the Advocacy and Programs Committees had modified and revised the Strategic Plan for 2017-19. The draft Strategic Plan was presented to the Council for

discussion and approval. The Council unanimously voted to approve the Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019. The document will be sent out to the Council members and posted on GCD's website. The Council further recommended that Rob Honan schedule an introductory meeting with Governor-elect Eric Greitens to discuss Council activities, appointments to the Council, and present the strategic plan.

**Report from Executive Director Rob Honan:**

- Rob thanked Judy Grainger for her work with the MPACT Transition Summit that was held in Jefferson City on October 27. Almost 400 individuals attended this conference. Rob promoted the event by doing two interviews with local TV stations.
- Rob and Judy both attended the APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) Conference in Reno, NV in October to learn about strategic planning, emergency preparedness, and youth transition.
- The Legislative Priorities Poll received 409 responses from 73 different counties and all 22 Centers for Independent Living. The poll revealed the following issues as the highest legislative priorities for the upcoming session:
  1. Private insurance covering hearing aids
  2. MO HealthNet expanding to cover adult hearing aids
  3. Maintaining the helmet law
  4. Tax credit for small businesses who hire and employ someone with a disability
  5. MO HealthNet ABD population expansion
- GCD has developed four short educational videos about Service Animals. GCD receives numerous calls from persons with disabilities and the public with questions about service animals. These videos are intended to provide information and education to the public about the rights and responsibilities of service dog handlers. The videos were shown to the Council members during the meeting. The videos can be found online at <http://disability.mo.gov/serviceanimals.htm>
- Rob announced that he was appointed as the Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council on November 18.
- The nominations for the GCD Awards programs (Inclusion, Youth Leadership, and Website Awards) are due January 31, 2017 and awards will be presented at the Power Up conference in April. Rob encouraged everyone to share this information. Nominations can be submitted online:
  1. Inclusion Award: <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/inclwin.htm>
  2. Youth Leadership Award: <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/youthleadershipaward.htm>
  3. Website/IT Award: <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/websiteaward.htm>

**Department Liaison Information:**

Shomari Rozier (DHSS) – The “Silence is not golden” brochure about adult abuse/neglect is being revised.

The Money Follows the Person (MFP) program is working on sustaining the program after the grant ends in 2020. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is considering an extension of the grant.

Steve Milburn (DSS) – DSS continues to work with WIOA to implement referral systems at the local level. DSS has entered into a conversation and proposal with University of Missouri Extension for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) outreach through the University of Missouri

extension. DSS is considering making an application to FNS next year for a program called senior farmers market nutrition program which would provide a benefit of \$35-\$50 for people over 60 years of age and under 185% of the federal poverty level to be able to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices and honey at Missouri farmers markets.

Kristin Funk (DWD) – DWD is partnering in the Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program (EFSLMP) with several state agencies and has recently signed the state's EFSLMP MOU. Missouri's EFSLMP offered training provided by Rick McAllister in the St Louis, Kansas City and Jefferson City areas for staff participation. The training was targeted to staff who provide job development services. Several of our DWD and Workforce staff were able to attend and found the one-day training valuable.

Becky Brietzke (MODOT) – MODOT's ADA Transition Plan is scheduled to be completed in 2027. The transition plan involves making sidewalks, ramps, signaling and transit on state owned properties accessible. The repair work on the Missouri River Bridge is finished and the bridge reopened.

Bonnie Aaron (DESE) – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was changed from a 1% proficiency cap to a 1% participation cap. Missouri currently has about 1.3% - 1.5% of students taking the test. This will not be enforced during the current school year, but in preparation for the 2017-18 school year. Part B State Plan for Special Education has been revised and posted for public comment. The final rules will be taken to the State Board of Education in February.

Missouri Assessment Program – Alternate (MAP A) instructions and assessments will take place throughout the school year in addition to testing in the spring.

Lynette Ricks (OSCA) – OSCA is currently polling the courts about their need for assistive listening devices which will be purchased in May. The office continues to work with ADA requests from the courts.

Brooke Dawson (DMH) – Brooke introduced herself as an employee of the Division of Behavioral Health who has responsibility for the Olmstead technical assistance grant from the federal government. The division provides housing for people with mental illness in psychiatric ISLs or independent living. They have four or fewer bedrooms and are fully staffed. PSILs are intended for people who are leaving psychiatric inpatient state hospitals and want to integrate back into the community. People live there anywhere from 18 months to three years to become more independent. Another housing program is the Intensive Residential Treatment Services, which houses individuals in units with less than 16 beds, for about 18 months. Intensive psychiatric services are provided to help a person become more independent and understand where to get their services, how to use their medications, etc.

**Presentation:** Kim Gee with State Transition Services in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation spoke to the Council about the Youth Academy program that is being developed in partnership with Maryville University. The program is a college and career readiness academy similar to the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, but not intended to replace it. The Youth Academy will be a transition program hosted by Maryville University for school districts in the area, held either during the school year or the summer months. The program will partner with businesses for apprenticeship opportunities, and Paraquad will provide mentoring opportunities. GCD has been invited to help plan and participate in the program. The goal is for the Youth Academy to begin in 2018.

**GCD Committee Reports:** None.

**New Business:**

GCD has been involved in developing the [Missouri Proclamation of Equal Rights for People with Disabilities](https://ihd.umkc.edu/mo-proclamation-equal-rights/). The document has been posted online at <https://ihd.umkc.edu/mo-proclamation-equal-rights/>. Discussion on official support of this proclamation from the Council will be added to the February meeting agenda.

James Trout asked how strategic plan outcomes are measured and recommended discussing GCD's progress in committee meetings throughout the year.

**Council Member Reports:**

DeAnna Noriega attended the Missouri Council of the Blind convention October 7-9 in St. Louis, where she was elected as board secretary. Deanna was invited by the Disability Education Panel at Columbia College to present about disability rights and service animals.

Sue Orton – The Missouri Brain Injury Association hosted its annual conference on October 13-15 in St. Charles. Sue thanked Yvonne Wright for her presentation at the conference.

James Trout - The Office of Community Development through the St. Louis County Commission has adopted the UD standard criteria for single homes. James is working with a non-profit that is a community development organization. Their next 85 units are going to be 100% UD.

The next goal is to get the Home Builders Association (HBA) and the realtors listing (MLS) to accept that standardized criteria.

**Old Business:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Monday, February 6, 2017** at 10 AM at Department of Natural Resources, 1738 East Elm Street, Bennett Springs Room, Jefferson City.

<b>Summary of Action Items:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
Post Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019 on website. Send copies to Council.	Claudia Browner
Arrange meeting with Governor-elect Eric Greitens	Rob Honan

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I  
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