

# **Governor's Council on Disability**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **May 3, 2010**

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

Karen Benson, Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Greg Greven, Ronald Hack, Mary Ann Harter, Angel Jacobsen, Todd Mayfield, Teri Miller, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, Joe Sartorius, Derek Smith, Erwin Switzer

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

Ed Duff, James Trout

#### **Unexcused Absences:**

Jacqueline Chatman, Mike Esser

#### **Department Liaisons:**

Kristin Funk (Dept. of Economic Development/Division of Workforce Development – DED/DWD), Phyllis Launius (Office of State Courts Administrator – OSCA), Heather MacCleoud (Dept. of Higher Education – DHE), Capt. Tim McDonald (Missouri State Highway Patrol – MSHP), Courtney Moreno (Dept. of Agriculture – MDA), Vicky Myers (Dept. of Corrections – DOC), Julie Ousley (Dept. of Social Services – DSS), Dorothy Parks (Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education/Vocational Rehabilitation – DESE/VR), Susan Rackers (for Debra Thompson, Dept. of Conservation – MDC), Mary Wood (Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education – DESE)

**Guests:** Corporal Christina McIntyre (MSHP), Deborah McAlexander

**Staff:** Linda Baker, Donna Borgmeyer, Claudia Browner, Isabelle Harris

**Real Time Captioner:** Debbie Reithmeyer

Chair Karen Benson called the meeting to order at 10 AM. With fourteen (14) Council members in attendance, there was a quorum for the meeting. Introductions followed. Karen Benson welcomed the new council members and state liaisons to the meeting.

#### **Approval of agenda and minutes:**

The agenda was changed to reflect that one of the presenters (George Jarrett) was not going to be attending the meeting and eliminating the committee meetings during the lunch hour. The agenda was approved as amended.

The Council members unanimously voted to approve the March 1, 2010 meeting minutes.

#### **Report from Council Chair Karen Benson:**

Karen attended the FEMA Individual Assistance conference in San Diego in April which addressed helping individuals in recovery after a disaster and emergency response. FEMA's goal is to replace the term "special needs population" with "functional needs population". Karen will draft a document for GCD to officially change the language.

SEMA and DSS are the lead agencies for sheltering the general population in emergencies. People with disabilities are not to be excluded or separated from sheltering/medical sheltering. In June, the Department of Justice and FEMA will publish a document about sheltering and medical sheltering.

The State of California has Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST). Karen would like to see Missouri adopt their policies and provide train the trainer programs. Karen will be attending an Emergency Preparedness Conference in Orlando in May.

### **Report from Executive Director Linda Baker:**

Linda Baker summarized her ED report.

#### Budget Update:

The Senate has recommended another budget cut of \$5,990 in E&E for the FY11 budget.

#### Legislative Education Project (LEP):

Due to decreased participation in the 3-day LEP and increase in the 1-day customized LEP, the LEP will be restructured for 2011. As a prerequisite to the LEP, GCD will be offering webcast training on the legislative process. This will cut down on time spent at the Capitol and thereby reduce travel costs for the participants.

Karen Benson emphasized that the Legislative Committee needs to be involved in this restructuring process.

#### Business Leadership Network (BLN):

Five students with disabilities will receive college scholarships from the Missouri Business Leadership Network in St. Louis.

John Kemp (USBLN) will be the speaker at the upcoming function of the Greater Kansas City Business Leadership Network on May 12 in Kansas City.

#### Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF):

GCD received a record number of 63 applications for the MYLF. Twenty-five delegates will be accepted. GCD needs to continue exploring funding options to sustain the program in 2011.

The Council discussed different funding options, such as partnering with DESE, Missouri Bar Association, and asking agencies to sponsor a specific track of MYLF.

#### Poster and Journalism Contest:

This year, former Council member Joe Colagiovanni raised the money for the savings bonds awarded to the winners. GCD needs to explore funding options to sustain the program. Both overall winners (poster and journalism) received their awards at the Power Up conference in Columbia on April 27.

#### Inclusion Awards:

Darrell Wilson was presented his Bob Aldridge Advocate of the Year award at the Power Up conference.

**Action item:** Send list of MYLF tracks to Council members and state liaisons to explore funding options.

**Department Liaison Information:**

Kristin Funk (DED/DWD) – DWD’s federal funding for the Disability Navigator program will end in June. The US Department of Labor will grant no-cost extensions to continue until the program funds run out. New competitive federal funding for similar programs may become available from the US Department of Labor in FY11.

Phyllis Launius (OSCA) has been providing ADA training at colleges and will conduct ADA training for St. Louis County in the near future.

Julie Ousley (DSS) – The Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant has been extended to 2016 with additional 100% administrative federal funding for staffing, training and stakeholder groups to include self-advocates. The original goal was to move 250 people out of institutions, which will be raised due to the grant extension. To date, 217 people have made the transition to community living. CMS is working with HUD to issue 1,000 Section 8 vouchers for people with disabilities transitioning out of institutions. As of October 1, minimum data sets in nursing homes will be changed so that the individual/guardian or someone they choose rather than nursing facility staff will answer the question regarding community living. If a yes response is given, the nursing facility will be required to refer the individual to a state designated contact agency for follow-up.

DMH (Julie Ousley reported on behalf of Robin Rust) – Thirty (30) individuals with disabilities received free dental care during a training seminar on dental services in Springfield on April 16. The Real Voices – Real Choices Consumer, Youth and Family Conference will be held August 22-24, 2010 at Tan-Tar-A.

Dorothy Parks (DESE/VR) – The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation used ARRA funds to develop a new computer system for their clients. Clients are divided into three categories. Categories 1 and 2 currently do not have a waitlist. There is a wait list of 222 clients in category 3 (people with disabilities).

Mary Wood (DESE) – The Division of Special Education has created the Special Education Listserve (SELS2) for anyone interested in special education to provide information about compliance, effective practice, funds management, and data coordination. To subscribe, go to [www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/sels2\\_subscribe.html](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/sels2_subscribe.html)

The Department’s Annual Performance Report (APR) summary report is available on the web at <http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/SPPpage.html>, click on performance summary.

Registration is now open for the DESE Transition Institute held June 28-30, 2010 in Osage Beach. More information is available at <http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/LS04.09.10.htm>

Captain Tim McDonald (MSHP) – When asked about training on autism in volatile situations, Capt. McDonald confirmed that MSHP is providing mandatory training on autism to its officers.

Courtney Moreno (MDA) – MDA is providing mandatory training on discrimination and ADA regulations to its employees.

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Heather MacCleoud (DHE) – DHE is working with an autism spectrum disorders group and starting to get involved in emergency management, especially at college campuses. A more detailed report will be available at the next meeting.

Vicky Myers (DOC) – DOC has rewritten their training module on ADA accommodations for deaf and/or blind offenders. DOC has a population of about 100 incarcerated offenders who are deaf or blind/visually impaired.

Linda Baker offered to provide training on ADA and/or disability awareness to state agencies. Lunch recess was taken.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Council member reports:**

Teri Miller – Attended Clayton Chamber of Commerce Metro meeting, Governor Holden's pizza and politics meeting, and lobby day at the Capitol.

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D. – Was reappointed to GCD and received appointment to the US Commission on Human Rights' Missouri Advisory Committee.

Betty Davidson, Ph.D. – Attended Power Up conference in Columbia.

DeAnna Noriega – Attended Power Up conference in Columbia, Brain Injury Awareness Day at Capitol, mentored person to volunteer for MYLF, was elected to Wolfner Friends Board, and will be attending VSA Arts Festival in Washington, D.C. in June.

Todd Mayfield – Took group from Southwest Center for Independent Living on tour of the capitol and Governor's office. He is working with Helias catholic high school on program to integrate students with disabilities.

Derek Smith – Continues to work with Southwest Center for Independent Living afterschool program.

Greg Greven – The Bolivar bus system started operation on May 3. The two year project was funded from OATS grants. Attended homeless task force meeting.

Karen Benson – Applied for FEMA advisory council positions but was not selected.

**Presentation:** Life's Ride: The Onward and Upward Adventure by Deborah McAlexander

**Old Business:** None.

**GCD committee reports:**

Advocacy Committee (Sue Orton reporting):

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The committee will be working on updating the existing Fragrance Free policy and renaming the Policy on Indoor Air Quality within 30 days and bring the documents in front of the Council for vote. The existing Fragrance Free policy will be posted on our website until the revision is available.

Legislative Committee (Linda Baker/Greg Greven/Karen Benson reporting):

The committee will be working with GCD staff on restructuring the LEP.

Programs Committee (Linda Baker reporting for James Trout):

The committee conducted a conference call to discuss GCD programs. GCD needs to secure funding for the Inclusion Awards and Poster & Journalism programs.

Finance/Development Committee:

A meeting will be scheduled within 30 days to review budget information and discuss FY11 budget issues.

**Action item:** Update existing Fragrance Free policy and rename Policy on Indoor Air Quality. Post current Fragrance Free policy on GCD website.  
Send updated financial report to Finance Committee.

**New business:**

HB 1879 regarding disability history did not receive a hearing this legislative session. Representative Grisamore is planning on getting a resolution to declare October as Disability History month. GCD Supports a legislative resolution to honor disability history. Linda Baker and Dr. Bergstrom will work on statement of support.

For future GCD meetings, the Programs Committee will decide on speakers/presentations. If GCD staff receive requests from presenters, they are to forward those requests to the Programs Committee. There will be only one presentation per meeting, limited to 30 minutes.

Suggestions for improvements of the videoconference meetings should be e-mailed to Karen Benson.

**Action item:** Issue statement of support of disability history month.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held **Friday, September 24, 2010 in room 315 of the Governor's Office Building**, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City.

Attachment: Updated roster and committee list.

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<b>Summary of Action Items:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
Send updated budget documents to Finance Committee	Linda Baker
Send list of MYLF tracks to Council members and state liaisons to explore funding options	Linda Baker
Update Fragrance Free policy and rename Policy on Indoor Air Quality	Programs Committee
Post existing Fragrance Free policy on website	Claudia Browner
Issue statement of support of disability history month	Joan Bergstrom/Linda Baker
Conduct committee meetings	Committee Chairs

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I  
May 14, 2010