

# **Governor's Council on Disability**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 18, 2013**

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

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Chuck Comstock, Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Ron Hack, Todd Mayfield, Teri Miller, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, James Trout

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

Ed Duff, Mike Esser, Rep. Jeff Grisamore, Mary Ann Harter, Derek Smith, Bob Wallace

#### **Department Liaisons:**

Gena Ahlers	Department of Revenue – DOR
Cari Collins	Department of Corrections – DOC
Kristin Funk	Department of Economic Development – DED/DWD
Jonathan Hensley	Attorney General's Office – AGO
Dana Muessig	Department of Natural Resources – DNR
Lynette Ricks	Office of State Courts Administrator – OSCA
Robin Rust	Department of Mental Health – DMH/DDD

#### **Guests:**

Heather Bradley-Geary, Missouri Housing Development Commission  
Bianca Farr, DMH – Behavioral Health

#### **Staff:**

Linda Baker, Claudia Browner, Dawn Evans

#### **Real Time Captioner:** Deb Reithmeyer

Acting Chair James Trout called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Nine Council members were in attendance at different times during the meeting; however, there was a quorum for only part of the meeting. All votes were conducted during the time the quorum was established. Introductions followed.

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

The Council members unanimously approved the meeting minutes for February 4 and the amended agenda for the day.

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

- Linda summarized her ED report. GCD has spent about 65% of its FY13 budget. There may be a cut of about \$100 in travel expenses for FY14.
- The Inclusion Awards were presented at the Power Up conference on April 16. The winner was Jaime Janes, Kirksville RIII Schools, and the Honorable Mention went to Michelle Zvanut, Boone Hospital Center.
- Registration numbers for the LEP webcasts are up from last year. Linda was able to use three social work student interns she supervises to help with the LEP at the capitol.
- Rep. Grisamore has filed 17 bills related to disability issues, with HB 727 being the omnibus bill that consolidates several pieces of legislation. Rep. Lauer has filed a bill that would require the state to purchase 3% of goods and services from people with disabilities. Several bills deal with the Medicaid expansion.

- Disability Rights Legislative Day was April 9, with more than 700 people attending.
- GCD has received 35 applications for the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- SIL has hired Tec Chapman as the new executive director.
- GCD has been involved with the interagency council on transitional services. GCD will be posting transitional services on the Disability Web Portal.

**Report from Acting Chair James Trout:**

- The Personnel Committee needs to complete an evaluation of the Executive Director, Linda Baker. James has contacted OA for assistance.
- James will be attending the Housing Conference in Columbia April 24-25 and the UD Summit May 6-8 in St. Louis.
- James encouraged Council members to recruit new members and is working with the Boards and Commissions office on new appointments.

**Department Liaison Information:**

Lynette Ricks (OSCA) – Assists courts that are remodeling or building to assure accessibility is according to ADA standards, and deals with calls from the public regarding issues with courts. She is working with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to address complaints about courts not providing ASL interpreters.

Kristin Funk (DED/DWD) – The Centers for Independent Living and VR are continuing to provide statewide training on disability awareness for DWD staff throughout Missouri. Kristin Funk and Denise Schimweg will be presenting at the DESE Summer Institute. Two or more career centers (Moberly and Caruthersville, and possibly Mexico and Monett) will be closing due to budget cuts.

Dana Muessig (DNR) – Dana introduced herself as the new state liaison for DNR. DNR has added power buttons to make its Lewis & Clark building more accessible.

Cari Collins (DOC) – DOC is looking for cost effective ways to provide statewide disability awareness training to its ADA coordinators. Some suggestions were videoconference training or webcasts.

Robin Rust (DMH) – DMH is expecting a record number of registrations (800+) for this year's Real Voices, Real Choices consumer conference, held August 18-20 at Tan-Tar-A. Scholarships are available for consumers. The Partnership for Hope waiver is now serving individuals in 96 counties and the city of St. Louis; with a waiver amendment being submitted to add more counties. There is no wait list to receive services under this waiver. The DMH Director's Creativity Showcase and Mental Health Champions banquet will be held May 21 at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Jonathan Hensley (AGO) – Jonathan introduced himself as the new state liaison for the AG's office. As their ADA coordinator, he handles daily calls from constituents.

**GCD Committee Reports:**

Advocacy Committee (Ron Hack reporting):

DESE had asked the Council for review and comments on the Sheltered Workshop regulations. The committee met and made recommendations and comments on the document, which was provided to the full Council for vote.

Transportation Subcommittee (Teri Miller reporting):

On April 10, Teri lobbied 30 legislative offices in Jefferson City regarding the Eastern Missouri Transportation Coordinating Council (EMTCC). Teri continues to attend Rapid Transit meetings. Teri reported that she is a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service award.

Programs Committee (James Trout reporting):

James Trout introduced an amendment to GCD's Indoor Air Quality policy to include residential buildings. James also introduced a revised letter to MHDC, encouraging MHDC and others to give additional weight to universal design development projects in funding competitions.

**New Business:**

1. The Council voted and unanimously approved the MOU between the Department of Labor/Office of Disability Employment Policy and GCD. Linda Baker will sign the document on behalf of the Council.
2. The Council voted and unanimously approved the Sheltered Work regulation comments made by the Advocacy Committee. Linda will submit this document to DESE on behalf of the Council.
3. The Council voted and unanimously approved sending the Universal Design letter to MHDC.
4. The Council discussed and amended the revised Indoor Air Quality policy. The Council voted and unanimously approved the amended document.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Old Business:** None

**Council member reports:**

DeAnna Noriega – SIL's new Executive Director is Tec Chapman. DeAnna served on the planning committee for the Disability Rights Legislative Day, which had a great turnout this year, with more than 700 people attending. Governor Nixon gave a presentation at the rally. DeAnna is writing for a "Vision Aware" blog hosted on the American Foundation for the Blind's website.

Chuck Comstock – Attended "The Artist in You" celebration on April 9, with more than 400 art pieces on display from people with disabilities. More than 200 people attended the event. The Disability Awareness conference will be held October 1. Project STIR classes continue in Adair county and Chillicothe.

Sue Orton – Attended Brain Injury Awareness Day at the capitol in March. Will attend UD Summit in May. Missouri has been chosen as one of five states for a national pilot fundraising event called Bowling for Brain Injury and the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is holding the event on June 22 in St. Louis, Chesterfield, and Springfield.

Ron Hack – Asked Linda Baker to follow up with Boards and Commissions regarding new appointments to the Council.

Teri Miller – Attended meeting on Medicaid expansion in Kirkwood.

Lunch recess was taken.

Betty Davidson – Representative Jeff Grisamore and GCD intern Rachel Baskerville did a great job in an interview about the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum on KC Live TV, a show hosted by Betty’s daughter Michelle.

**Presentation:**

Heather Bradley-Geary, Community Initiatives Manager with Missouri Housing Development Commission gave a presentation about the Statewide Discharge Policy Implementation. The Governor’s Committee to End Homelessness is asking GCD to sign a Memorandum of Agreement on the policy, which is currently being revised. Ms. Bradley-Geary will send the revised policy to the Council for review and signature prior to the September Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in room 315 of the Governor’s Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City**

<b>Summary of Action Items:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
Complete performance evaluation of Executive Director	Personnel Committee
Submit signed MOU between DOL/ODEP and GCD	Linda Baker
Submit Sheltered Workshop regulations document to DESE	Linda Baker
Send Universal Design letter to MHDC	Linda Baker
Publish revised Indoor Air Quality policy on GCD’s website	Claudia Browner

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I  
April 24, 2013