

Governor's Council on Disability

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2016

Council Members Present/Participating:

Chuck Comstock, Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Mary Ann Harter, Todd Mayfield, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, James Trout, Bob Wallace, Yvonne Wright

Council Members Not Present/Participating:

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Jeff Grisamore, Ron Hack, Derek Smith

Department Liaisons:

Bonnie Aaron	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE/Special Ed
DeeAnn Fuller	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE/VR
Kristin Funk	Department of Economic Development – DED/DWD
Misty Hill	Department of Natural Resources – DNR
Julie Lamons	Department of Social Services – DSS
Lynette Ricks	Office of State Court Administrator – OSCA
Shomari Rozier	Department of Health and Senior Services – DHSS
Brian Weisel	Attorney General's Office – AGO

Staff: Robert Honan, Claudia Browner, Dawn Evans, Laura Mueth

Guest: Elijah Mayfield

Real-Time Captioner: Darlene Pickard

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. With nine (9) Council members in attendance, there was a quorum for the meeting. Introductions followed.

Approval of agenda and minutes:

The Council members unanimously approved the meeting minutes for February 8, 2016 and the agenda for the day.

Public Comment: None.

Report from Chair Yvonne Wright:

- Yvonne stated that she enjoyed attending the GCD Awards luncheon at the Power Up conference.
- GCD is still waiting for new Council members to get appointed. Yvonne will follow up with the Governor's Office again.
- Yvonne attended the 2nd Annual Diversity Inclusion Summit on April 21 in Kansas City. The event was hosted by VR and the Greater Kansas City Business Leadership Network.
- The Show Me Careers grant is ending in October. Employment First, a collaboration between VR and DMH, will be taking over and sustaining the program. Employment First is looking for community partners and Rob Honan will be among those asked to join.

Report from Executive Director Rob Honan:

- Rob announced that Dawn Evans will be leaving her position with GCD on August 1st and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her services to GCD and the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- The application deadline for the 2016 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum has passed and 35 delegates have been accepted into the program, which will be held July 12-16.
- The house and senate have approved the New Decision Item to increase GCD's operating budget.
- GCD participated in the Disability Legislative Rights Day at the Capitol on March 10. Over 400 individuals attended the event.
- GCD has developed position papers on Employment, Housing, and Transportation in collaboration with committee members, state liaisons, and other individuals. Rob thanked those who helped draft the papers.
- GCD staff will work with the Programs Committee over the summer to tweak the GCD awards programs for 2016.
- Rob asked the state liaisons to submit articles for the GCD newsletter and thanked the Missouri State Highway Patrol for submitting an article for the last issue.

Department Liaison Information:

Bonnie Aaron (DESE) –

- Bonnie provided a brochure about the Facilitated IEP Pilot Process. The pilot program is being offered in certain school districts this year and will be implemented statewide for the 2016-17 school year.
- The US Office of Special Education visited Missouri to review the draft plan for Phase II of the State Systemic Improvement Plan for Special Education.
- The new Missouri Learning Standards were approved in April. Current standards remain in place in 2016.
- Several bills have been filed relating to dyslexia. The Office of College and Career Readiness has hired a new dyslexia specialist, Kim Stuckey.
- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to test 95% of its students enrolled in public school. Missouri's participation in the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) was 99% for the 2014-2015 school year. The reauthorized ESSA will limit MAP-A (alternate) participation to 1% of total students. Missouri currently tests about 1.4% of students on the MAP-A.

Julie Lamons (DSS) – April 12 was MFP (Money Follows the Person) day at the capitol. More than 20 individuals who have transitioned back into the community attended the event. Julie provided a brochure with success stories of individuals who have transitioned back into the community with the help of the MFP program. The MFP program is ending in 2018.

HB 343 was passed last session, which established a committee to assess the continuation of the Money Follows the Person program after the grant ends. The committee is drafting a plan for the continuation of the MFP program, which is due to the legislature on July 1.

Kristin Funk (DWD) – Kristin attended the Power Up Assistive Technology conference and the GCD Awards luncheon in St. Charles, and will be attending the Missouri Association for Workforce Development (MAWD) conference on May 11-13 at the Lake of the Ozarks. The conference will include a pre-conference for Equal Opportunity officers.

Misty Hill (DNR) – DNR hosted its annual Multicultural Affairs Committee (MAC) conference on March 31 in Jefferson City. Last week, Misty attended the Society for Human Resource Management’s legal conference with focus on ADA issues.

Brian Weisel (AGO) – Brian was one of the featured speakers at the Disability Rights Legislative Day at the capitol on March 10th.

Shomari Rozier (DHSS) – Provided a list of mandated reporters of elder abuse and neglect, business cards with hotline numbers to report elder abuse/neglect, and posters to raise elder abuse awareness. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15.

Lynette Ricks (OSCA) – Her office continues to field calls from courts regarding accommodations. OSCA has purchased 19 assistive listening devices this year to be used for juries, trials, etc. Rob inquired whether OSCA tracks the number of requests for ASL interpreters or CART per year. Lynette replied that she could request a report from the fiscal office showing costs of accommodations provided.

New Business:

GCD’s position papers on Employment, Housing, and Transportation were presented to the Council for review and approval. Rob thanked the committee members and individuals involved in developing the position papers. The Council discussed the papers and recommended reformatting all of them to make them more uniform. After the discussion, the Council unanimously voted to approve all three position papers with minor reformatting. Rob will email the reformatted papers to the Council and post them on GCD’s website.

GCD Committee Reports: None.

Council Member Reports:

Todd Mayfield – Todd introduced his son Elijah to the Council. Elijah was recently named the National Down Syndrome Society’s (NDSS) Advocate of the Year for 2016. Elijah participated in the NDSS Buddy Walk® on Washington DC and is supporting the ABLE to Work Act (HR4795/S2702) which was introduced in Congress.

DeAnna Noriega – DeAnna was reappointed to the Wolfner Advisory Council as a representative for the Missouri Council of the Blind. DeAnna announced her retirement from her employment with Services for Independent Living in Columbia, but hopes to continue to serve on the Governor’s Council on Disability.

Chuck Comstock – The Kirksville Art Center hosted an art show on March 31 that featured artwork from more than 100 individuals served by the Department of Mental Health. The annual DisAbility Awareness conference is scheduled for October in Kirksville.

James Trout – James attended the Missouri Housing Summit, held April 13-15 in Springfield. There was a large presence from MHDC. James reported that MHDC now mandates universal design on all new multi-family construction units because of the letters GCD sent to MHDC requiring universal design standards.

Old Business: None.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Friday, September 16, 2016** at 10 AM in Jefferson City.

Summary of Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Format position papers on Employment, Housing, and Transportation. Post on website.	Rob Honan

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I
April 28, 2016