

# **Governor's Council on Disability**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 23, 2012**

**Council Members Present/Participating:**

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Ronald Hack, Mary Ann Harter, Todd Mayfield, Teri Miller, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, Erwin Switzer, James Trout, Robert Wallace

**Council Members Not Present/Participating:**

Charles Comstock, Ed Duff, Mike Esser, Rep. Jeff Grisamore, Derek Smith

**Department Liaisons:**

Cari Collins	Department of Corrections - DOC
Sara Dick	Attorney General's Office – AGO
LeAnn Haslag	Department of Health & Senior Services – DHSS
Julie Juergens	Department of Social Services – DSS
Walter Pearson	Office of Administration – OA
Elizabeth Reed	Missouri Department of Transportation – MODOT
Michele Radney	Department of Natural Resources – DNR
Robin Rust	Department of Mental Health – DMH/DD
Glenda Verslues	Department of Conservation – MDC

**Guests:**

Oliver Burnette, Project Director, Show-Me-Careers, UMKC-IHD  
Betty Farley, Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services

**Staff:**

Linda Baker, Claudia Browner, Dawn Evans

**Real Time Captioner, Interpreters:** Deb Reithmeyer

Acting Chair James Trout called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. With eleven (11) Council members in attendance, there was a quorum for the meeting. Introductions followed.

**Approval of agenda and minutes:**

The Council members unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes for January 23 and the agenda for the day.

**Report from Acting Chair James Trout:**

James Trout welcomed GCD's new disability program specialist Dawn Evans to the Council. He reported that he has been in contact with Deb Price in the Governor's Office to fill the Council vacancies.

**Report from Executive Director Linda Baker:**

Linda also welcomed new staff member Dawn Evans. Linda then summarized her ED report. GCD has held a total of six Legislative Education Project webcasts which were attended by 66 individuals. Linda will be meeting with staff from several Centers for Independent Living in May to discuss the future of the LEP program at the capitol.

Several disability-related bills have been consolidated into omnibus bill 1854. Key sections of the bill are highlighted in the ED report.

GCD has received 28 applications for the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum to date. The application deadline has been extended to May 1 to reach the goal of 30 delegates. The forum will be held July 22-25 at MU in Columbia.

The Inclusion Award presentation was held April 3 at the Power Up conference in Columbia. The award for winner Kent Schien of Innoventor, Inc. was accepted by Loretta Muretich, Senior Executive Assistant to Mr. Schien. Warren Woods, VP of regulatory affairs accepted the Honorable Mention award for Ameren.

Linda introduced a draft letter to Governor Nixon, requesting an executive order to promote the employment of people with disabilities by the State of Missouri. The topic was discussed under new business later in the meeting.

**Department Liaison Information:**

Sara Dick (AGO) – AGO conducted an Accessible Parking Enforcement Day in Jackson and St. Louis counties to enforce proper use of accessible parking spaces. Law enforcement agencies participated by issuing tickets on private property open for public use, such as store parking lots. 108 citations were issued in Kansas City (80 tickets/28 warnings) and 74 in St. Louis. A PSA is being developed to inform the public about regulations regarding accessible parking spaces. The PSA will be made available to GCD for posting on the Disability Web Portal.

LeAnn Haslag (DHSS) – DHSS has entered into contracts with 24 CILs and Area Agencies on Aging to provide community options counseling and transition coordination services for the elderly and disabled who would like to transition out of nursing facilities. DHSS has requested budget funding to allow current Home and Community-Based Service providers to conduct the annual reassessment on the individuals that are receiving services. Training for providers to conduct the reassessments is planned prior to July 1.

Robin Rust (DMH/DD) – Provided a handout and an update about the Partnership of Hope waiver. A waiver amendment has been submitted to CMS, adding seven additional counties to this home and community based waiver. Currently, 1321 individuals are enrolled in the waiver. DD has submitted a budget request to add slots to the Children's waiver (Sarah Lopez waiver). If the request gets approved by the legislature, a waiver amendment will be submitted to request up to 108 additional slots to provide services to those on the wait list.

Upcoming DMH events: June 19 – Mental Health Champions Awards Banquet and Director's Showcase in Jefferson City. August 12-14 – Real Voices, Real Choices Conference at Tan-Tar-A.

Cari Collins (DOC) – DOC's new HR director is Bridgette White. Ms. White will be handling ADA employment issues and may attend future meetings if Cari Collins is not available.

Julie Juergens (DSS) – Update on the Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant: 469 individuals have transitioned into the community (89 aged, 175 with developmental disabilities, 22 dually diagnosed, 183 with physical disabilities). 107 cases are currently pending. The new Section Q minimum dataset became effective April 1, removing the word "feasible" from the questionnaire,

resulting in an increase of Section Q referrals for community options counseling. MFP web-based system is up and running. Twelve training sessions have been provided to nursing facilities.

**Old business:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**GCD Committee Reports:**

Advocacy Committee (Erv Switzer reporting):

The committee has corresponded by e-mail regarding the Universal Design Task Force and will be in contact with Linda Baker to get started.

Programs Committee (James Trout reporting):

Speakers/presentations for this year's two remaining Council need to be scheduled. Any ideas or suggestions should be e-mailed to James Trout ([jamestrout@jamestrout.com](mailto:jamestrout@jamestrout.com)).

Transportation Committee (Teri Miller reporting):

Teri Miller attended East/West Gateway Council meeting to understand transportation issues and network. The Council discussed looking at what types of transportation are available in Missouri and determining where the gaps are; lack of infrastructure (broken or non-existing sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle lanes).

**Action item:** E-mail speaker/presentation suggestions to James Trout.

Lunch recess was taken.

**Council member reports:**

DeAnna Noriega went to Washington, DC in February to meet with Senators and Congressmen about disability-related legislation (HR860 – vehicle donation, and HR4087 - Braille prescription drug labeling); attended legislative day at the Missouri capitol on March 5; served on the planning committee for the Disability and Legislative Rights Day held April 4 at the capitol; advocated against legislation proposing cuts to blind pensions.

Ron Hack has changed employers and will submit new contact information to the Council.

Bob Wallace announced that on April 28 the St. Louis Cardinals are having a special day for agencies that provide services for people with disabilities. On April 29, brunches are held at Schafly's and other restaurants with proceeds benefitting the Walk, Run, and Roll 5k on May 5.

Erv Switzer inquired about ice-skating for people with disabilities and was referred to Sue Fleming with the St. Louis Recreation Council.

Sue Orton attended the Brain Injury Awareness Day at the capitol on March 20; serves on the St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities, which will host an ADA workshop on Emergency Preparedness on April 26; is signed up to participate in the Walk, Run and Roll on May 5.

Teri Miller attended the East-West Gateway Council meeting pertaining to transportation; attended briefing on the Affordable Health Care Act by the Alliance for Retired People of Missouri to learn how it would affect people with disabilities.

James Trout has been working on Universal Design and energy efficiency issues. He reported that banks might be interested in lowering prices on foreclosures if they are made accessible and energy efficient, or making them available for lease purchase investors.

**New Business:**

The Council discussed the draft letter to the Governor, proposing an executive order to promote the employment of people with disabilities in state government and the creation of a task force to implement a promotional outreach campaign for people with disabilities. After some discussion, James Trout made a motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate employment practices, do outreach to other agencies, and come up with recommendations to report to the Governor. The Council unanimously voted to create the Ad Hoc Committee. James Trout will contact Council members within a week to put together the committee.

**Presentation:**

Oliver Burnette, Project Director for the Show-Me Careers Initiative with UMKC's Institute for Human Development presented on the Show-Me Careers Initiative, which is a "Partnership in Employment System Change" grant for \$2.2 million over five years for the transition of youth with disabilities into the workforce. Mr. Burnette offered to attend future Council meetings to give updates on the grant's progress.

**Action item:** Send Council meeting dates to Mr. Burnette.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Friday, September 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in room 470 of the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City.**

<b>Summary of Action Items:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
E-mail suggestions for speakers/presentations to James Trout	Council members
Send Council meeting schedule to Mr. Burnette	Claudia Browner

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I  
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