

Governor's Council on Disability

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2018

Council Members Present/Participating:

Joan Bergstrom, Chuck Comstock, Betty Davidson, Ron Hack, Chip Hailey, Mary Ann Harter, Rosemary Hendon, Katie Jones, Todd Mayfield, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, James Trout, Bob Wallace, Yvonne Wright

Council Members Not Present/Participating:

None

Department Liaisons:

Bonnie Aaron	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE/Special Ed
Shawn Brice	Department of Social Services – DSS
Brooke Dawson	Department of Mental Health – DMH/Behavioral Health
Misty Hill	Department of Natural Resources – DNR
Steven Milburn	Department of Social Services – DSS
Doug Roach	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE/VR
Lynette Ricks	Office of State Court Administrator – OSCA
Shomari Rozier	Department of Health and Senior Services – DHSS
Kris Sweeten	Department of Corrections – DOC

Staff: Claudia Browner, Wendy Molitor, Laura Mueth

Guests: Gayla Bernadini, Adonis Brown, Clementine Brown, Tom Fast

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. With fourteen (14) Council members (13 members, chair Yvonne Wright) in attendance, there was a quorum for the meeting. Introductions followed.

Approval of agenda:

The Council members unanimously approved the amended agenda for the day.

Approval of meeting minutes:

The Council members unanimously approved the amended meeting minutes for November 17.

Public Comment:

Sue Orton introduced Gayla Bernadini who stated that she was attending the meeting because she is interested in getting involved in the Council as a parent of a person with a disability.

Yvonne Wright introduced Adonis Brown, who was recently appointed as the new executive director for the Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council.

Council Chair report from Yvonne Wright:

- Yvonne stated that she received a letter of resignation from former executive director Amy Bledsoe effective January 15. The position has been posted with an application deadline of February 13. (Since the meeting, this deadline has been extended to February 27, 2018) The Council members thanked Yvonne for stepping in to provide interim supervision and lead the hiring efforts.

- Yvonne presented the GCD budget for FY19 to the House and Senate in January. The hearings went well.

GCD Update from staff:

- Yvonne informed the Council that the GCD staff has been meeting weekly and working together to develop core values for the agency, and read the core value statements. (Copy attached)
- GCD staff will post the core value statements in the office and on the GCD website.
- Laura has been working on legislative work including the weekly Legislative Update, planning the Disability Rights Legislative Day, and Disability 101 presentation planning.
- Wendy's focus has been on planning and preparing for the 2018 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum and transition fairs in Camden and Cole counties and Warrensburg. The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum will be held July 10-14, 2018 at MU. Wendy will share information on how to apply as well as sponsorship opportunities with the Council and state liaisons.
- Claudia has completed the 2017 Annual Report and is working on the GCD Awards programs and the GCD Newsletter.

Department Liaison information:

Doug Roach (DESE/VR) – Yvonne introduced Doug Roach as the new state liaison for Vocational Rehabilitation. Doug is an assistant director with the business outreach team in the southeast area of the state.

Shomari Rozier (DHSS) – The assessment for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) has changed from 21 points for Medicaid funded services authorization to 24 points. Consumer Directed Supports (CDS) have been reduced from up to 100% of nursing care costs to 60%.

Shawn Brice (DSS) – Under the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program the total number of individuals who transitioned in 2017 was 194. The number was lower than expected due to funding approval problems and funding cuts to the Centers for Independent Living. In January 2018, twelve individuals have transitioned (3 pending cases) and one in February. The MFP program is currently working on the 2018 budget with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Steven Milburn (DSS) – The Senate has confirmed Dr. Corsi's appointment as DSS's executive director. Patrick Luebbering serves as the division director for the Family Support Division (FSD). FSD is reengineering its Food Stamps Program to improve customer service and timeliness of services. In 2017, FSD engaged with local and state agencies to coordinate flood relief (food stamp replacement, commodity distribution).

Yvonne noted that Keith Roderick was appointed as the new director for Rehabilitation Services for the Blind.

Lynette Ricks (OSCA) – Lynette is working getting new assistive listening devices to the courts in all of Missouri's counties. Currently, six or seven counties still have old systems. Lynette continues to assist courts with requests for ASL interpreters.

Bonnie Aaron (DESE) – Bonnie announced that she has accepted a new position out of state and that the Division of Special Education would appoint a new liaison to the Council. The division has published a user-friendly [Parent's Guide to Special Education](#) to help parents better understand the special education process. Roger Dorson is serving as the interim commissioner for the

department. George Stailey was selected as the new superintendent for the Missouri School for the Deaf.

Kris Sweeten (DOC) – Kris introduced herself as the new ADA Coordinator for the Department of Corrections.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. The Council unanimously approved adopting a written policy to appoint a custodian of records for the Governor’s Council on Disability. The Council asked Claudia to write a policy and send it to the Council, listing her as the custodian with the executive director as a backup.
2. GCD staff introduced a draft emergency procedure. The Council decided that no Council action was required on this policy. The new executive director shall affirm the policy, include it in the employee manual, and post it in the office.
3. The Council discussed two draft letters of support relating to the renewal of disabled parking placards. The Council unanimously voted to refer this to the Transportation Subcommittee for further discussion. The committee will schedule a meeting by conference call and report back to the full Council.
4. The Council discussed options for a different meeting location for the Council meetings to assure confidentiality. GCD staff will explore options and report back to the Council.

Committee Reports:

Transportation Subcommittee:

Betty Davidson will be attending the Disability Transportation Resource Network Meeting in St. Louis.

Advocacy Committee:

The committee will meet prior to the April Council meeting.

Council member reports:

Sue Orton has joined the St. Louis Realtors Inclusion Advisory Group to advocate for universal design in housing.

Closed Session (per RSMO 610.021):

Motion to go into closed session was made by Ron Hack, Sue Orton seconded. The Council unanimously voted to go into closed session and adjourn the public meeting. One Council member (Todd Mayfield) was absent during the vote.

Bob Wallace made a motion to move out of closed session and end the Council meeting. Sue Orton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Friday, April 27, 2018** at 10 AM at the **Department of Natural Resources, Bennett Springs Room**, 1738 East Elm St., Jefferson City.

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Summary of Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Send information about Missouri Youth Leadership Forum application process and sponsorship opportunities to Council and state liaisons	Wendy Molitor/Claudia Browner
Write policy about GCD custodian of records and send to the Council	Claudia Browner
Schedule Transportation Subcommittee meeting (conference call) to discuss letters of support for disabled placard renewal	Laura Mueth/Claudia Browner
Explore options for meeting locations	Claudia Browner
Schedule Advocacy Committee meeting (conference call)	James Trout/Claudia Browner

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I
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