

# **Governor's Council on Disability Meeting Minutes November 21, 2013**

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

Chuck Comstock, Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Rep. Jeff Grisamore, Ron Hack, Teri Miller, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, Derek Smith, James Trout, Bob Wallace

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

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Ed Duff, Mike Esser, Mary Ann Harter, Todd Mayfield

## **Department Liaisons:**

Bonnie Aaron	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE
Gena Ahlers	Department of Revenue – DOR
Kristin Funk	Department of Economic Development – DED/DWD
Bobbi Jo Garber	Department of Health & Senior Services – DHSS/DSDS
Darla Gjesvold	Department of Transportation – MODOT
Jonathan Hensley	Attorney General's Office - AGO
Julie Juergens	Department of Social Services – DSS
Dorothy Parks	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE/VR
Robin Rust	Department of Mental Health – DMH/DDD

## **Guests:**

Oliver Burnette, Project Director, Show-Me-Careers, UMKC-IHD  
Patricia Ritchie, National Association of Injured & Disabled Workers  
Leanne Peace, Director, Missouri Kidney Program, MU

## **Staff:**

Linda Baker, Claudia Browner, Dawn Evans, Laura Mueh

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

Acting Chair James Trout called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. With ten (10) 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 September 19 and the amended agenda for the day.

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

- Linda summarized her ED report. GCD has spent about 38% of its FY14 budget.
- October was Disability History Month and National Disability Employment Awareness Month. GCD staff attended several transition fairs and conferences.
- Employment Initiative: New Section 503 regulations will be implemented in March 2014, requiring federal contractors and subcontractors to have a workforce that includes 7% of people with disabilities.
- Linda gave an employment presentation at the Kansas City Police Department, which has received very positive feedback from participants.
- The Legislative Education Project (LEP) will host 3 webcasts and 3 LEP trainings at the capitol in 2014. The LEP PowerPoint is being updated.

**Department Liaison Information:**

Julie Juergens (DSS) – Under the Money Follows the Person grant, 144 individuals have transitioned into the community in 2013, with 132 cases pending. The goal for this year was 218. Onsite training is being provided to nursing homes around the state on how to do the web-based referrals.

Jonathan Hensley (AGO) – Responded to an inquiry regarding the exemption of death penalty for people with intellectual disabilities. Per RSMO 565.030, Missouri prohibits death penalty of people with “mental retardation”. The burden of proof is on the defendant. The Council was concerned to find the term “MR” still being used in this regulation. Rep. Grisamore assured the Council that he would file legislation to have the term removed from all state regulations.

Kristin Funk (DED/DWD) – Missouri career center staff attended various Disability Employment Awareness Month and Disability Mentoring Day events in October. Statewide disability awareness training has been provided to all division staff.

Robin Rust (DMH) – The Division of Developmental Disabilities has been meeting with SB 40 boards to discuss the expansion of the local support coordination. Operational responsibilities of the waiver might be turned over to the county boards. Any changes in the waiver administration would require CMS approval.

Bonnie Aaron (DESE) – DESE is transitioning from MAP A to a new MAP A assessment test for students with disabilities, which will utilize computers and iPads. Field testing for the new MAP A will begin in January, 2014. All 35 MSSD buildings participated in Disability Awareness Month activities in October, e.g. Senator Cunningham received tours of Ozark Horizon and Skyview School. Sheltered Workshop regulations are in the final rule making process and will be presented to the State Board of Education on December 2.

Dorothy Parks (DESE-VR) – Updated MOU between VR and the Office of Special Education and College Readiness to outline responsibilities. Some of the transition services offered are Project Search which is a 1-year school to work program for people with intellectual disabilities, and a co-op program for youth with disabilities who have an IEP.

Bobbi Jo Garber (DHSS) – DHSS has seen an increase in home and community based referrals in 2013 from 1,550 to 1,686 per month. Attended hearings at capitol relating to Medicaid transformation, managed care, and nursing home reimbursement.

**Old Business:**

The revised MOU between the Governor’s Council on Disability and Services for Independent Living regarding the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities was reviewed and discussed. The Council unanimously voted to approve the revised MOU.

**GCD Committee Reports:**

Legislative Committee: Rep. Jeff Grisamore met with state budget director Linda Luebbering to discuss the release of \$200,000 for mobile dental work for people with disabilities. These funds had been restored for this year’s budget but are still being withheld. The disability omnibus bill will be redrafted and filed on December 2, and made a priority on the house calendar for this legislative session. Rep. Grisamore will create a bill to strike the term “mental retardation” from 25 remaining sections of the state statues where this term is currently still reflected.

Lunch recess was taken.

**Presentation:**

Oliver Burnette, Project Director of Show-Me-Careers gave an update on the five year grant, which is in its second year. There are six pilot projects providing seamless transition of students ages 16-30 with disabilities to work or post-secondary education. Services include career exploration, transportation, employer databases, family engagement, TA visits, and training. After one year of conducting the pilot projects, a report on successes, barriers, and best practices of incorporating businesses is being put together.

**Public Comment:**

Patty Ritchie, Volunteer Public Policy Director with the National Association of Injured and Disabled Workers (NAIDW) asked the Council to review the sample disability accommodations policy that is posted on the OA website which, in her opinion, is employee hostile and includes excessive health related questions. Discussion followed and the Council decided to review this sample policy and bring it to the attention of the OA Commissioner.

Leanne Peace, Director of the Missouri Kidney Foundation reported that the foundation has received a federal grant to assist individuals with questions regarding health insurance enrollment under the Affordable Care Act. GCD will post this information on the web portal.

**Committee reports:**

Transportation Subcommittee (Teri Miller reporting): The Eastern Missouri Transportation Coordinating Council announced a position opening for a Mobility Manager.

Programs Committee (James Trout reporting): National universal design standards will be launched in 2014.

**Council member reports:**

Derek Smith is currently building a universal design home for himself.

DeAnna Noriega attended the Missouri Council of the Blind convention; participates in the Disability Rights Day planning committee; works with TAP for Technology pilot program using iPads; serves on Wolfner Advisory Council; and is going to Washington DC on behalf of the American Council for the Blind in February to meet with legislators.

Chuck Comstock reported that 325 people attended the disAbility Awareness conference at Truman State University in October. The conference focused on transition to employment and featured an employment panel.

Teri Miller was assigned by DESE to work with emotionally disturbed children in St. Louis.

Sue Orton reported that 150 people attended this year's Brain Injury Association conference. St. Louis County has been designated as an age friendly community by AARP and the World Health Organization.

James Trout has been working with St. Louis County Community Action Agencies on indoor air quality policies and a study with hospitals regarding the effects of indoor air quality and chemical sensitivities on people's health.

**New Business:**

The Council decided to send a letter to Council member Mike Esser to thank him for his continued support of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Monday, February 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in room 315 of the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City.**

Summary of Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Post link to Section 503 information on web portal	GCD staff
Sign MOU between GCD and SIL	Linda Baker
Review sample accommodation policy on OA website and bring to Commissioner's attention	Linda Baker/James Trout
Post Missouri Kidney Foundation information on web portal	GCD staff
Send thank you letter to Mike Esser, Edward Jones	Linda Baker/James Trout

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I  
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