

Governor's Council on Disability Meeting Minutes September 15, 2017

Council Members Present/Participating:

Joan Bergstrom, Chuck Comstock, Betty Davidson, Ph.D., Chip Hailey, Mary Ann Harter, Rosemary Hendon, DeAnna Noriega, Sue Orton, Bob Wallace, Yvonne Wright

Council Members Not Present/Participating:

Ron Hack, Todd Mayfield, Derek Smith, James Trout

Department Liaisons:

Bonnie Aaron	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE
Cari Collins	Department of Corrections - DOC
Brooke Dawson	Department of Mental Health – DMH/BH
Kristin Funk	Department of Economic Development – DED/DWD
Laurie Hines	Missouri Kidney Program - MKP
Rocky Martin	Department of Transportation – MODOT
Steven Milburn	Department of Social Services – DSS
Justin Moore	Attorney General's Office – AGO
Melody Reichel	Department of Revenue – DOR
Shomari Rozier	Department of Health and Senior Services – DHSS
Duane Shumate	Department of Mental Health – DMH/DD

Staff: Amy Bledsoe, Claudia Browner, Wendy Molitor, Laura Mueth

Guests: Bob Collier, Charles Comstock Sr., Katie Jones

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. With nine (9) Council members (9 members, chair Yvonne Wright joined in the afternoon) in attendance, there was a quorum for the meeting. Introductions followed. Council member Sue Orton led the meeting until Yvonne Wright joined the meeting after lunch recess.

Approval of agenda and minutes:

The Council members unanimously approved the amended meeting minutes for April 21, 2017 and the agenda for the day.

Public Comment: None

Report from Chair Yvonne Wright: (E-mailed report read by Amy Bledsoe)

- It was an honor to attend the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum's legislative day at the capitol and witness the mock legislative hearing with legislators and delegates.
- Yvonne and Amy continue to work with the Governor's Office on new Council member appointments.
- Yvonne attended the Governor's Conference on Economic Development held September 6-8 in St. Louis.

Report from Executive Director Amy Bledsoe:

- The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) was very successful; 24 delegates and 11 alumni attended this year.
- According to Scott Turk in the Governor's Office, there will be new Council member appointments in the near future.
- Amy and GCD staff member Laura Mueth provided disability awareness training for the 16th circuit court in Kansas City on September 12-14.
- Amy attended the Governor's Conference on Economic Development in St. Louis (Sept. 6-8) where she had the opportunity to meet Governor Greitens and network with legislators.

Department Liaison Information:

Brooke Dawson (DMH/BH) – The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) demonstration project is designed to demonstrate cost effectiveness of converting Medicaid reimbursement from a fee-for-service model to a prospective payment system while improving availability, accessibility and quality of behavioral healthcare. Community Mental Health Centers who have chosen to be a CCBHC site expand their service provision to include outpatient treatment for Substance Use Disorders (SUD) as well as doing mental health treatment. They also provide crisis mental health services, screening, assessment and diagnosis, screening and monitoring of health risks and status and peer and family support. We are one of 8 states selected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to pilot the prospective payment system. Currently 15 Community Mental Health Centers across the state are participating in the project.

Dee Ann Fuller (DESE/VR) – VR continues to provide transition services and numbers of individuals served will be available after the end of the fiscal year on September 30.

Laurie Hines (MKP) – Laurie introduced herself as the new director for the Missouri Kidney Program.

Bonnie Aaron (DESE) – DESE is in the process of hiring a new superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf. The Missouri Assessment Program – Alternate (for students with disabilities) runs September 19 – February 28. The modified Part B State Plan was presented to the State Board of Education in August. Bonnie shared a screenshot of [DESE's Special Education website](#).

Steven Milburn (DSS) – Governor Greitens has named Steve Corsi as the new acting director for the Department of Social Services. The Family Support Division (FSD) now offers online web application for benefits at mydss.mo.gov. DSS launched its official DSS Facebook page in August. Rehab Services for the Blind (RSB) is offering free eye screenings this fall. In June, FSD participated in the Heart of America Stand Down to help homeless veterans access community resources.

Cari Collins (DOC) – Cari introduced herself as the DOC's Director of Human Services and contact for offender calls or letters to the Council. DOC is currently working on installing video relay services for offenders who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Rocky Martin (MODOT) – MODOT is currently at 16.2% completion of the ADA Transition Plan, due to be completed in 2027.

Kristin Funk (DED/DWD) – October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). Kristin will participate in the MPACT (Missouri Parents Act) Transition Summit on October 17 at the Truman Building in Jefferson City.

Justin Moore (AGO) – Justin introduced himself as the new liaison from the Attorney General's Office.

Melody Reichel (DOR) – Since the transportation network bill was passed, DOR has licensed three transportation companies in Missouri: zTrip, Rasier LLC, and Lyft. The rides are potentially more affordable than cab rides and can be scheduled by phone or downloading each company's app. The services are available statewide to anyone.

Duane Shumate (DMH/DD) – The Divisions of Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health collaborated with Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Workforce Development, MO HealthNet, and Rehab Services for the Blind on the Disability Employment Policy's Employment First grant which ended in August. The Empowering Through Employment Initiative has increased the number of individuals who are accessing employment services by 40% or about 200 individuals. The Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare is hosting its Kansas & Missouri Behavioral Healthcare conference September 19-22, 2017 in Kansas City.

Shomari Rozier (DHSS) - The Money Follows the Person (MFP) program is working on sustaining the program after the grant ends in 2020. The last individuals will be enrolled by December 31, 2018 as there will be no new funds appropriated for MFP. DHSS will continue to do options counseling for individuals, but the startup assistance (\$2,400) will no longer be available after 2018. Council member Joan Bergstrom offered a letter of support from the Council to continue the Money Follows the Person program in Missouri and asked Shomari to provide a draft to present to the Council.

The assessment for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) will change from 21 points currently for Medicaid funded services authorization to 24 points in the future.

Presentation:

GCD staff member Wendy Molitor gave a presentation about the 2017 [Missouri Youth Leadership Forum](#) (MO-YLF) held July 18-22 at MU in Columbia. The MO-YLF now has 297 alumni (24 participated this year). Participants have come from 62 different Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis. Two of the program's alumni - Lily Womack and Joshua Starner joined the meeting by phone to share their experiences and future goals as leaders in the disability community. Both plan to be involved in the upcoming Missouri Advocacy Summit scheduled on November 18 in five locations throughout Missouri as well as Facebook live.

New Business:

- The Council unanimously approved the revised [Housing Position Paper](#).
- The Council discussed an FAQ and a motion made by Joan Bergstrom on behalf of James Trout relating to Medicaid Expansion. A friendly amendment to the motion then tabled the discussion until the afternoon.

Lunch recess was taken.

New Business (continued):

- Yvonne asked for nominations for Council Committee Chair positions. DeAnna stepped down as Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee, but will continue to serve on the committee. Betty Davidson volunteered to serve as the Subcommittee Chair. A few Council members and state liaisons volunteered for different committees. The updated Committee roster will be presented to the Council for vote at the November meeting.
- Per Council bylaws, Article IV, Section 3, the Council unanimously voted to recommend the removal of Derek Smith from the Council.
- Council meeting dates for 2018 were set for February 5, April 27, August 24, and November 16.
- Discussion about the motion relating to Medicaid Expansion continued. The Council did not reach consensus and voted (majority vote/one opposed) to schedule a special Council meeting in October to discuss the issue further.

Council Member Reports:

Sue Orton announced that the 13th annual Brain Injury Association conference will be held October 5-7, 2017 at the Marriott West in Chesterfield. Sue will share information about the Transportation Network in Missouri with the St. Louis County's Older Adult Commission where she serves as a liaison.

DeAnna Noriega attended the American Council of the Blind convention in Nevada in August. DeAnna continues to serve as vice president of the Guide Dog User Group and secretary for the Missouri Council of the Blind, and was recently named Member of the Month. DeAnna also serves on the Wolfner Advisory Council.

Chuck Comstock reported that more than 50 individuals participated in the Dash for Disabilities 5k on September 14. The DisAbility Awareness event will be held October 17 in Kirksville.

Chip Hailey announced that the Missouri Council of the Blind state convention will be held October 5-7 in Kansas City. October 15 is recognized as White Cane Safety Day.

Betty Davidson worked with the St. Louis Special School District on a pilot project with the Starkloff Disability Institute to host the Big Dream Mentor Event for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities on June 12, 2017. Employers such as Boeing, Monsanto, Nestle Purina, etc. met with 20 students to discuss employment opportunities. The St. Louis Variety Children's Theatre will be performing The Wizard of Oz at UMSL's Touhill Performing Arts Center on October 19-22.

GCD Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Reschedule closed meeting portion during the November Council meeting. (After the Council meeting, it was decided to schedule the closed meeting portion on the special Council meeting date in October.)

Programs Committee: Joan Bergstrom reported that the committee met July 28 to discuss upcoming programs and involvement of state liaisons in the Council meetings. Joan asked Amy to share the results of the survey sent to Council members and state liaisons.

Old Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

A special Council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 16, 2017 at 11 AM** at the **Department of Natural Resources, Bennett Springs Room**, 1738 East Elm St., Jefferson City.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Friday, November 17, 2017** at 10 AM at the **Department of Natural Resources, Bennett Springs Room**, 1738 East Elm St., Jefferson City.

Summary of Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Provide information/draft letter of support for continuation of the Money Follows the Person program	Shomari Rozier/Laura Mueth
Update Council Committee roster and add to November agenda for vote	Claudia Browner
Share Programs Committee survey results with the Council and liaisons.	Amy Bledsoe

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I
September 19, 2017

Approved by Council 11/17/17