

# **Governor's Council on Disability Meeting Minutes September 16, 2016**

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

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

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

Joan Bergstrom, Ed.D., Chuck Comstock, Jeff Grisamore, Derek Smith

## **Department Liaisons:**

Bonnie Aaron	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – DESE/Special Ed
Becky Brietzke	Department of Transportation – MODOT
Kristin Funk	Department of Economic Development – DED/DWD
Julie Lamons	Department of Social Services – DSS
Steven Milburn	Department of Social Services – DSS
Leanne Peace	Missouri Kidney Program
Angelette Prichett	Department of Higher Education - DHE
Lynette Ricks	Office of State Court Administrator – OSCA
Shomari Rozier	Department of Health and Senior Services – DHSS
Duane Shumate	Department of Mental Health – DMH/DDD
Brian Weisel	Attorney General's Office – AGO
Melissa Wilding	Missouri Veterans Commission

**Staff:** Robert Honan, Claudia Browner, Judy Grainger, Laura Mueth

**Guest:** Patty Ritchie

**Real-Time Captioner:** Kim Pflieger-Schacht

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. With nine (9) Council members in attendance, there was a quorum for the meeting. Introductions followed. Yvonne introduced and welcomed GCD's new staff member, Judy Grainger.

## **Approval of agenda and minutes:**

The Council members unanimously approved the meeting minutes for April 22, 2016 and the agenda for the day.

## **Public Comment:**

Mary Ann Harter thanked the Governor's Council on Disability for providing her son Thomas the opportunity to participate in the 2016 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum and stated that the program was a great experience for him.

No other public comment.

## **Report from Chair Yvonne Wright:**

- GCD is still expecting the new appointments to the Council. Yvonne and Rob have met on several occasions with AJ Fox in the Boards and Commissions office to identify available

applicants and discuss the need to appoint members for the vacant positions on the Council to comply with the statutes that require Council member representation from each Congressional District in Missouri. At the last meeting, Mr. Fox indicated that there would be 5 new appointments by the end of the year. Yvonne reminded everyone that Council members are expected to serve until they have been replaced by a newly appointed member, even if their official term has expired. If Council members can no longer serve on the Council, they shall turn in a written resignation.

- Yvonne has received an official invitation from the Governor's Office to attend a training and reception for new gubernatorial appointees on September 28.
- Yvonne will give a presentation about the Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA) at the Missouri Brain Injury Association's conference in October.
- VR and Maryville University are working on developing a Youth Academy project, which will be similar to the MO-YLF, but is not intended to replace it. The Youth Academy will be a transition program hosted by Maryville University for school districts in the area, held either during the school year or the summer months. The program will partner with businesses for apprenticeship opportunities and Paraquad will provide mentoring opportunities. GCD has been invited to help plan and participate in the program. VR transition staff Kim Gee will be invited to the November 18 Council meeting to talk about the Youth Academy program.

#### **Report from Executive Director Rob Honan:**

- Rob welcomed Judy Grainger to the Governor's Council on Disability. Judy is a Disability Program Specialist and will be the coordinator for the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- 2016 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF): 29 delegates and 10 alumni participated. GCD has established great partnerships with Centers for Independent Living, VR, MU Hook Center, and the MU Conference Center to collaborate with planning and staffing the event.
- GCD has received numerous calls about service animals over the past months. As a result, GCD is planning on publishing a PSA video to educate the public about service animals. The video will be posted on GCD's website and Facebook page and sent out to email listservs.
- GCD publishes a bi-monthly newsletter. Rob asked the state liaisons to share success stories from their departments to be included in the newsletter.
- Rob recommended adding a website/IT award to GCD's awards programs. This award is intended to recognize non-profit agencies, businesses, or local government agencies that have user friendly, accessible websites. To be discussed under new business.
- The St. Louis Business Leadership Network (BLN) is hosting an employment event at Enterprise on November 3. Rob will send the event information to the Council.

#### **Department Liaison Information:**

Shomari Rozier (DHSS) – The Money Follows the Person (MFP) program has finished its contract amendments for 2017, which includes collaboration with the Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation (Wayne Crawford) to develop accessible, affordable housing options. The Division of Senior and Disability Services has received a grant from the Administration for Community Living to enhance the adult protective services reporting system.

Bonnie Aaron (DESE) – Bonnie reported on several department activities to include:

- The DESE Commissioner is hosting public regional meetings in September/October as part of the stakeholder involvement activities for developing the consolidated state plan for the Every

Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and to get additional feedback on the direction of education in the state.

- The implementation of the 1% limit on assessing students with disabilities using an alternate assessment will be delayed until the 2017-18 testing cycle to allow districts more time to align IEP decisions to the ESSA statute. Missouri's Assessment Program-Alternate (MAP A) is completely computer web based.

Steve Milburn (DSS) – DSS is working on improving the web application to apply for services online. DSS is providing employment training for food stamp program participants. The department continues to handle consumer calls forwarded from GCD relating to DSS services.

Becky Brietzke (MODOT) – MODOT's ADA Transition Plan is scheduled to be completed in 2027 and is currently at 13% completion. The transition plan involves making sidewalks, ramps, signaling and transit on state owned properties accessible.

Kristin Funk (DWD) – The Accommodation for Success event with over 100 business people attending was held on Aug 9. A job fair for people with disabilities was held on Aug 10 in St Louis with over 200 job seekers and almost 50 employers. Four workforce development boards and their disability committees organized the events.

DWD will be presenting during the upcoming MPACT Tools for Life Summit for youth on Oct 27th in Jeff City.

Upcoming events for businesses to attend that will encourage the hiring of people with disabilities include: Empower, Engage, Employ: Work Without Limits on Oct 13 in Poplar Bluff and Oct 18 in West Plains. The Springfield region will have an Employ Ability Summit and Luncheon for business on Oct 20th.

The Missouri Division of Workforce Development Equal Opportunity Unit will be awarded the William J. Harris Equal Opportunity Award during the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) Annual Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Tuesday, September 27th.

Melissa Wilding (MVC) – Melissa will be attending the Elizabeth Dole Foundation Summit in Washington on September 27 to learn about VA caregiver programs, resources, and services.

Brian Weisel (AGO) – Brian will represent the AG's office at the Housing Taskforce meeting on September 30. The Housing Taskforce will be developing strategies to knock down housing silos by bringing agencies and stakeholders together.

Duane Shumate (DMH/DDD) – The Comprehensive and Community Support Waiver applications were accepted by CMS in June 2016. DDD is currently working on the renewal application for the Autism waiver.

The transformation of Southwest Community Services (formally Nevada Hab Center) and Northwest Community Services (formerly Marshall Hab Center) has been completed. All residents currently reside in the community, participating in community activities and exploring employment. All facility-based residential, day and employment programs have ended.

The ARC of Missouri's Annual Summit will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> in Columbia.

Julie Lamons (DSS) – Julie gave an update on the MFP grant: 151 individuals have transitioned into the community in 2016, the target for this year is 215 individuals. Julie attended the National MFP conference in Washington, DC. Nationwide, over 63,000 individuals have transitioned into the

communities under the MFP grant. Missouri ranks 18<sup>th</sup> out of 44 participating states with more than 200 individuals transitioning per year. The plan for continuing the MFP program past the grant expiration has been submitted to the General Assembly. Julie provided an "Information Brief: Quality of Life" handout that summarizes information and data pertaining to the participants and outcomes of the MFP project.

Lunch recess was taken.

**New Business:**

James Trout shared newly developed Universal Design (UD) criteria for single family residences and asked the Council to endorse the criteria. The Council unanimously voted to endorse the UD criteria and send a letter to MHDC recommending the adoption of the UD criteria in all new affordable single family new construction projects.

The Strategic Plan for GCD needs to be revised. Each Council Committee shall meet by conference call to work on its assigned components of the plan prior to the November meeting. At the November meeting, the Council will discuss/approve revisions and updates to the plan. GCD staff will provide Committee Chairs with a list of committee members and sections of the strategic plan their committee needs to work on.

The Council decided to meet in person in Jefferson City for the November 18 meeting due to frequent technical difficulties with videoconferencing and inconvenient conference location in St. Louis.

The Council set the meeting dates for 2017:

February 6 (Monday), April 21 (Friday), September 15 (Friday), November 17 (Friday)

All meetings will be held in person in Jefferson City.

The Council discussed and unanimously voted to add the newly proposed GCD Website award to the GCD awards programs.

**GCD Committee Reports:** None.

**Council Member Reports:**

Betty Davidson – Two students from the St. Louis Special School District are participating and have won medals in the Paralympic Games in Rio. One of them is Colleen Young who is an alumna of the MO-YLF.

The Variety Club is hosting performances of Beauty and the Beast at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on October 21-23.

Sue Orton – The Missouri Brain Injury Association is hosting its annual conference on October 13-15 in St. Charles.

DeAnna Noriega will be attending the Missouri Council of the Blind convention October 7-9 in St. Louis.

**Old Business:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Friday, November 18, 2016** at 10 AM in Jefferson City.

<b>Summary of Action Items:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
Submit success stories about departments to Rob or Claudia for inclusion in the GCD newsletter.	State Liaisons
Send information about November 3 St. Louis BLN event to the Council	Rob Honan
Invite Kim Gee (VR) to give presentation on Youth Academy program at November 18 meeting	Yvonne Wright
Send letter to MHDC endorsing new UD criteria for single family residences	Rob Honan/Yvonne Wright

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I  
September 23, 2016