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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 31, 2008

TO: Interested Party

FROM: Grady Kickul / DRS Division Director
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SUBJECT: Interpreter Workgroup

Department of Human Services would like to thank everyone for their valuable input during the last proposed rules change. Based on the range of comments received, it became apparent that we consider a complete review and re-write of administrative rules that will be reflective of a process for registering national certification and also fit with registration for other certification such as Provisional, EIPA and those holding South Dakota Certification.

In an 11-26-08 letter, we notified you that the Department of Human Services had decided not to pursue some of the proposed rules. We further informed you that we wanted to create a work group of parties with a vested interest in interpreter certification. We plan to hire an outside consultant with expertise in state law and administrative rules to facilitate this work group. Through this workgroup, we plan to review and recommend change to those sections of administrative rule and / or interpreter law that can result in a clear, concise, understandable set of laws and rules that reflect registration for all SD interpreters.

In order for this workgroup to be representative of the various interests it should consist of individuals from the following organizations, agencies and interested parties:

- Interpreting Training Program
- Interpreting Agencies
 - CSD
 - Interpreter Services
- Interpreter Organizations
 - Independent Interpreters
 - SD RID
- Educational Interpreters
- Department of Education

- School for the Deaf
- South Dakota Association of the Deaf
- Individuals who require interpreter services

Please review this proposed list of potential representation groups and let us know if we failed to list an agency or group who could provide valuable input. Within the next week, we will be sending out nomination requests to those agencies and organizations for nominations on this workgroup. Your nomination will need to be an individual who can commit to providing input on behalf of your organization.

We look forward to working with this workgroup and are hopeful that this process will produce a product that will work effectively for all South Dakota Interpreters and individuals who benefit from their services.

Thank you