

Statewide Independent Living Council
April 16, 2008
Holiday Inn Express
FT Pierre, South Dakota

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ryan Green Grady Kickul Gary Wald	Josia Fuerst Vona Johnson Betsy Valnes	Gaye Mattke Linda Biffert
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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jason Lorang Larry Puthoff	Philomine Moran Betty Coon	Jamie Mack
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OTHERS PRESENT:	Vicki Kerkvliet Ann Fortin	<u>DSU Staff:</u> Denise White Bernie Grimme	<u>SILC Staff:</u> Shelly Pfaff Laura White
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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ryan Green called the Statewide Independent Living Council meeting to order at 12:01 pm at the Holiday Inn Express conference room in Ft. Pierre.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- All in attendance were asked to introduce themselves.
- Ryan thanked everyone for coming.
- Meeting Protocol was reviewed.

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda – Made (M), Seconded (S) and Carried (C).

MINUTES: Motion to approve the December 2007 Meeting minutes – MSC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DRS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:
Grady stated that he would be interested in the feedback for the training with Bob Michaels.

- He would like to consider additional training sessions and discussions since a great number of SILC members weren't able to attend, and there is going to be three to four new people appointed soon.
- There should be discussion at future meetings.
- Contract renewals will be initiated on June 1st

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- There will be a 3% provider inflation on General Funds.
- There will be no additional Federal or _____ increase
- Secretary Jerry Hofer has invited the directors from the four Independent Living Centers (CILs) on May 5th to discuss the Part C portion of the Fiscal Budget and Finance Reporting.
 - Discussion will also be held on the RSA Review final report and findings.
 - There is to be less SILC focus on funding issues and more focus on mandated responsibilities.
 - The DSU Director will be more involved in funding.
- Directly following the first meeting- a financial group will be looking at reimbursement.
 - The intent is to incorporate a new reimbursement approach a year from now.
 - Look at provisions of Core Services and Cost Reporting.
 - All CIL Directors will be invited to work closer with Vocational Rehabilitation.
 - A pilot program was started with the Prairie Freedom Center in Sioux Falls. It is proving to be a great success.
 - We are creating a system so that VR clients will be served by CIL's on a fee for service basis.
 - This is another way for Centers to generate more income.

**DSBVI DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

OLDER BLIND INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM UPDATE:

Gaye Stated: There are two public meetings scheduled

- May 2, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MT at the Rushmore Plaza Convention Center in Rapid City
- May 15th a Video Conference is scheduled from 4:00 pm to 6:00 p.m. MT in the District office in Aberdeen, _____ office in Sioux Falls, and DHS in Pierre.

Currently we are working on a mentoring program.

- New individuals will be matched with seasoned people
- Our policy and procedures have been completed
- There are a number of individuals that have already

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- committed to becoming a mentor.
- Next SBVI Board meeting will be August 1st in Pierre.
- Larry _____, Rita Weber, and Robert Kean have been appointed to the Board of the SBVI. Robert will serve as the Representative for the Client Asst. Program.
- Focus on Success will be held September 30th through October 2nd at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD.
 - Everyone is welcome, especially: Individuals who are blind or visually impaired, parents, family members, students, teachers, professionals in education, rehabilitation and independent living
 - The program will address options for education, vocational rehabilitation and adult services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
- It was determined that the Focus On Success Information should be distributed through newsletters and other forms of communication as much as possible.

**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

Shelly reported that the Executive Committee was approached to support the YLF with a donation. The Committee designated \$1,000 to be paid to the YLF from Strategic Planning funds.

**NCIL
CONFERENCE:**

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- July 20th through the 24th in Washington DC
- The SILC came to the consensus to send out a memo to see if there was an interest of participation by anyone.

**LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE:**

- It was a very busy year.
- A lot of focus was on education
- There was a lot of interest also on the Deaf Bill of Rights and the education of children who are deaf.
 - This is a subject that is going to be coming back.
 - A concern was brought by Linda that we make sure that School for the Deaf and School for the Blind and Visually Impaired aren't lumped together. It is important that each school is continued to be directed by their own Boards and Board of Regents.
 - Linda stated that parents are very happy with the services provided by the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Grady stated that there was almost a million dollar

increase this year for the Assistive Daily Living Services Program. With this money we are now able re-contact and reassess those individuals that were on a waiting list and begin them on the program.

- It was a very successful Disability Awareness Day; it was a good opportunity to promote what we are doing to encompass everyone.
- If anyone has issues to bring for the next session it isn't too early to start working on them.
- Coalition is hoping to host a Disability Summit in late Summer/early Fall to help unite all aspects of working with the disability community so that we can all be on the same page and work more closely together for the good of the cause
- Ryan stated that he would like to commend the COALITION for the fantastic job of keeping everyone updated during this session. Her chart and organization made it really easy to follow all the bills during the session. The easy access and daily updates were a great service.
 - The access being available to everyone was a very useful tool.
 - Grady also spoke to the value of the Coalition's Legislative updates and the ease by which it can be accessed.
- There will be a forum conducted on April 26th at the WRDI in Rapid City to share comments and find out what did and didn't happen in the 2008 Legislation Year.

**OTHER
BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on how we might incorporate public meetings in conjunction with the SILC meetings. The SPIL Development requires public meetings.

- If we are to meet at the different Centers we could set up an information time for the public to come while in their community.
- Have an evening forum where we could have conversation with consumers.

**FUTURE
ACTIONS:**

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be scheduled in Aberdeen the week of July 14th.

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- Gary will work with Shelly and Denise on setting up a public forum.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting – MSC. Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.