

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Biffert, Betty Coon, Vona Johnson, Grady Kickul, Thomas Kober, Gaye Mattke, Roxanne Rice, Betsy Valnes, Gary Wald and Eileen White.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Arneson, Lynne Cain, Gail Ferris, Ryan Green and Philomine Moran. OTHERS PRESENT: Charlie Anderson, Peter Bailey, Greg Brandner, Marla Bull Bear, Mary Genzlinger, Mary Beth Haiar, Lorraine Polak (representing Vona Johnson on the first meeting day), Shelly Pfaff, and Lorie Jirschele. Interpreters were Julie Paluch and Jo Salestrom.

OPENING ACTIONS: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – The meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Tom Kober at 1:15 p.m. Tom welcomed all in attendance, and everyone present introduced him/herself. MEETING PROTOCOL – Tom stated that meeting protocol guidelines were attached to the agendas that had been previously mailed out to members, and he reminded them to raise their hands when they wished to be acknowledged to speak, and to also raise their hands when voting. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Due to another meeting commitment, Grady could not be in attendance until later in the day, so Tom suggested revising the agenda as needed. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS REVISED MADE (M), SECONDED (S) AND CARRIED (C).** APPROVAL OF DECEMBER SILC MINUTES – **MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2005 MEETING MINUTES – MSC.**

TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at this time.

QUAD SQUAD REPORT: Greg gave the report for Jo and Rick White, who had planned to be present, but due to weather and health concerns, were unable to make it. A printed Quad Squad quarterly report was distributed (see attached). Greg explained that many newer SILC members had no knowledge of who was involved in the Quad Squad, and what they were doing. As a result of this, the Council requested quarterly reports outlining dates and locations of meetings, number of individuals attending and the topics discussed. Greg stated that Jo and Rick White hoped that they would be able to attend the June SILC meeting.

DSBVI DIRECTOR'S REPORT: DIVISION UPDATE – Gaye stated that the Division was preparing for their public meetings, and the drafting of the State Plan. BOARD UPDATE - March 31st, the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI) will hold their next meeting. Public meetings are scheduled in conjunction with a National Federation of the Blind (NFB) SD meeting in Pierre on April 21st at the Governors Inn, and on May 23rd at the new Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Sioux Falls. Gaye added that in addition to the public meeting at the Rehabilitation Center, a staff meeting and open house were planned. During the SFY2007 budget process, SBVI lost one fulltime equivalent (FTE) at the Rapid City office. Gaye explained that they are looking at options for redistributing caseloads. She also explained that both of the current rehabilitation teachers will be laid off effective June 30, 2006 and will be allowed to apply for the remaining position. Gaye said that according to the Bureau of Personnel, this was the proper way in which to decide on whom to retain. SD REHABILITATION CENTER

FOR THE BLIND RELOCATION – Gaye said that SBVI staff members were keeping up with the timeline to relocate the Rehabilitation Center, and construction at the new site has been going well. She added that their goal was to accomplish the move the weekend of March 25th. A DakotaLink office will be housed at the location as well. The address for the new SD Rehabilitation Center for the Blind was given as 2900 W 11th Street, Suite 101 in Sioux Falls. The question was raised as to what happened to prevent the Rehabilitation Center from relocating to the School for the Deaf. Gaye indicated that after plans had been made to relocate the Rehabilitation Center to the School for the Deaf, they were notified that the Board of Regents was no longer interested in leasing the space.

2006 SILC CONGRESS REPORT: Shelly stated that a written report on the SILC Congress, which outlined specific topics and speakers, was sent to members in a February 21st mailing. She indicated that much of the conversation centered on autonomy of state SILCs; i.e. in some states, the SILCs are non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations. Shelly explained that other states spoke to reaching autonomy, without becoming a non-profit organization. Attendees were also given updates from federal representatives on changes in the Rehabilitation Act, and members from the youth movement recommended changes from their perspective. Shelly noted that she had not attended a SILC Congress since the very first one, and that it was interesting to see how far they have or have not come depending on the issue. Funding of SILCs was another hot topic. There seemed to be a real mix on how this was accomplished from state to state. In some states, consumer training takes precedence over training for CIL employees. There was some conversation on the standards and indicators philosophy formulated in 2004, and whether it had been

incorporated into policies, bylaws, etc. Shelly added that Montana is the only state where a State Senator and a State Representative serve on the SILC, proving invaluable during the legislative process. She asked members to consider if there would be value in having a legislative representative on the SD SILC. Betsy stated that she had interacted often with Montana SILC delegates during the Congress, and they had indicated how much easier it was to have a state leader who approaches others in government and advocates on the SILC's behalf. Betsy had further conversations on transition and its incorporation as another core service for independent living. Shelly announced that the 2007 SILC Congress and the 2009 SILC Congress would be held in New Orleans. She added that there would be a socially conscience effort toward making New Orleans the most accessible city in America. One member remarked that this was an interesting concept, and that it was made easier by the fact that so much of the city had to be rebuilt from scratch. Questions then turned to Betsy's representation on behalf of the SILC at the national level. She explained that she was serving her second term as the Region VIII representative, and as part of her duties, she was serving on the Conference Planning Team for the 2007 SILC Congress. This committee has been meeting quarterly by teleconference, and once it gets closer to the event date, they will be meeting more often. The group also meets twice a year with representatives from NCIL. The question arose as to what ideas directly relating to these meetings with NCIL might benefit the SD SILC. Betsy explained that a Collaborative Efforts Committee was working to establish better communications between NCIL and state SILCs.

SILC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: CIL STAFF TRAINING EVENT – Shelly distributed and reviewed a draft

agenda for the CIL staff training being held April 4-6 at the Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma (see attached). She stated that the estimated budget for the event was approximately \$8,200. That includes lodging, per diem, mileage, fees for one speaker and attendant services. SILC LETTER TO HOME LOAN BANK OF DES MOINES – Shelly read aloud a letter that Gary and she had drafted to Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines thanking them for their support of independent living in South Dakota. It was decided that the letter from Chairperson Tom Kober should be sent, and that members should receive copies. STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT AWARDS REPORT – Shelly reported that approximately \$1450 of Strategic Planning (SP) funds had been spent; \$449 went for consumer stipends for attending last year's ADA celebration and \$1001 for SILC annual NCIL membership dues. The question was raised as to whether any of those funds could be carried over, and Shelly replied that they could not. She added that in the past, any IL funds left over were often awarded to the centers for equipment purchases and HMAD projects. APRIL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Shelly passed around a brochure from the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL). She asked members if they wished to renew the SILC's \$100 APRIL membership. Points were made as to the benefits of APRIL membership including CIL to CIL mentoring program, outreach to rural centers and serving as a catalyst to keep the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) focused on rural independent living issues. **MOTION TO RENEW APRIL MEMBERSHIP – MSC.** PVA OUTREACH TO VETERANS IN SD AND ND – The North Central Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is reaching out to veterans in the Dakotas who might not be aware of their services. Staff was asked to acquire PVA brochures and to distribute them to the CILs. 2006

NOMINATIONS FOR SILC POSITIONS – Shelly indicated that as of July 1st, three terms were due to expire, and of those, two members could serve again. In addition, one member has inquired on how to submit his resignation due to employment commitments. Solicitation of nominations will take place this year in conjunction with the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) in mid April. Nomination packets will be mailed to individuals, agencies and organizations statewide. Responses are then forwarded to the Department of Human Services (DHS). Shelly asked if staff should follow past protocol regarding SILC nominations. Gaye added that the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI) was looking at six term expirations in June, and of those, one current member was not eligible for reappointment. She stated that they were still carrying a vacancy for a SILC representative on BSBVI, and she asked if one of the SILC appointments could be a member of BSBVI in order to fill two vacancies. She said that a blind or sighted person could fill this slot. The Chair asked whose terms on the SILC were due to expire. Staff responded Gary Wald, whose position is determined by the CIL Directors. Betty Coon, who is eligible to serve again and Lynne Cain, who will have served the maximum number of terms. She indicated that Travis Hamilton had asked about resigning, but that they had not yet seen a letter to that effect. Consensus from members was that it was acceptable for staff to move forward with the nomination process.

NCIL CONFERENCE MAY 22-25 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. – For the past few years, the SILC has sent a representative to the NCIL conference. Shelly stated that this year's conference is set for May 22-25 in Washington, D.C., and she asked for discussion on sending someone this year. Gary noted that the SILC travel budget was currently in a deficit, and that unfortunately, the

conference fell in the current fiscal year. Betsy indicated that because of her involvement on the federal level, she is expected to attend the conference, and she stated that if it were appropriate, she would request some financial assistance. Betsy was reminded of SILC strategic planning funds and the application process for those funds. Betsy stated that she would certainly be willing to follow that process. Shelly reiterated that individuals could apply for a maximum of \$500 toward training or conference attendance. Greg explained that an alternative would be taking Betsy's travel out of the 2007 budget, but that she could not be reimbursed until after July 1st. Members were asked if they would support a member going to the SILC Congress, and the Chair requested that the decision be postponed until tomorrow. **HOTEL LOGISTICS DRAFT POLICY** – Staff shared that when they make arrangements for Council meetings, they are required to make lodging reservations at State rates. With more hotels implementing a non-smoking policy, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find accommodations for everyone at one location. A draft policy on hotel logistics had been mailed previously to members, and Shelly read it aloud for their review. **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOTEL LOGISTICS POLICY – MSC.**

At this time, there was discussion on a letter to Chairperson Tom Kober from Marla Bull Bear, Native American Advocacy Program (NAAP), regarding her proposal to move \$10,000 from their HMAD funds to support the 2006 Native American Disability Summit. Gary stated that the Budget Committee had discussed this proposal at length, and concluded that they would like NAAP to instead apply for Strategic Planning funds to support the event. They plan on coming with a recommendation tomorrow to extend the due date for

organizational applications for funding, which would allow NAAP to apply. NAAP could ask for up to \$2,000 in organizational funding, and consumers could apply for up to \$500 each for stipends to attend the Summit.

DRS IL PROGRAM SPECIALIST REPORT: SFY2006 SILC BUDGET – Copies of the SFY2006 SILC Budget Report were distributed (see attached). Greg stated that this report represented the budget as it stood that day. He said that he was required to contact all of the centers to ask if they would earn their entire budget for the year and that all of the centers had responded. Greg pointed to the bottom chart on the report stating that all the HMAD funds would be spent by the end of SFY2006. Marla had notified Greg that NAAP would probably earn up to \$60,000 of their budget, leaving approximately \$11,531. He went on to say that CIL staff training funds would not be spent until after their training in April and that around \$2,500 may remain unspent. He suggested that any remaining CIL Staff training dollars could be transferred to SILC travel, which is in the red about \$361. Greg explained that the reasons for the SILC travel deficit were that the SILC decided to send representatives to SILC Congress and APRIL, and the holding of a SILC meeting in Rapid City. One member inquired as to the costs of the current meeting, and Greg said the expenditures would be less than the estimated \$1,500 because four out-of-town members could not attend.

ASSOCIATION OF CILS REPORT: Gary reported that the Association of CILs met in Oacoma in February to discuss 501(c)(3) status. Paperwork will be filed before the end of summer. Four CIL directors will attend an April stakeholders meeting by invitation from the Department of Human Services (DHS). Next January the centers will host an Independent Living Day at the Capitol Rotunda.

CIL REPORTS: CSD – Peter stated that CSD has \$15 of HMAD funds left to spend and that 85% of their IL funding has been earned. In June, CSD will host a community block party for their IL consumers. About 350 people are expected to attend. The police and fire departments will participate.

NAAP/TTH – Marla revealed that NAAP had received a grant from Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines to modify 20 homes. There have been some recent staffing changes at NAAP. In addition to the two full-time IL specialists, Marla and their office manager have taken on part of the caseload. NAAP has entered into a new partnership with the Standing Rock Housing Authority. There has been discussion on how to best address the needs of people living on that reservation in both North and South Dakota. Marla stated that plans for the Native American Disability Summit are tentative. All the needed funding has not yet been secured. The biggest share of that will be for consumer stipends, but Marla said that they were confident that they would raise the needed funds. She added that they were also looking for facilitators to guide a strategic planning process during the event. One member asked Marla how many full-time employees (FTEs) did NAAP have, and she answered that there were three FTEs covering the nine reservations.

OIL – Gary announced that Eric Vetter had been hired as their Systems Advocacy Coordinator. He thanked PVA for their help in providing training for Eric. They have kicked off their annual Harley raffle this month. Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines has granted OIL \$250,000 to make 25 homes accessible. Gary stated that they are planning their annual Barrier Awareness Day at the School for the Blind. Area fifth graders will be invited to attend. This event will not only focus on physical barriers people with disabilities face, but it will address attitudinal barriers as well. The same event is planned for all five schools in Watertown.

PFCIL – Charlie Anderson introduced himself as the interim director, appointed by their Board to replace Char Crisp. Charlie indicated that all of their HMAD dollars had been spent and that there were 150 persons on their waiting list. They are looking ahead to their Very Special Arts Program, and to their summer transition classes where they expect 20 students. WRDI – Mary Genzlinger, representing Ann Van Loan who was attending the PART training in Dallas, stated that they were proud of their staff for receiving 100% in both consumer records and customer satisfaction during their annual review by Greg Brandner. A \$600 grant from the Allied Arts Fund in Rapid City paid for consumers to attend pottery classes. She continued to state that as of March 22nd, WRDI would be advertising for an IL Specialist in the Northern Hills area due to the resignation of Toni Long. Mary announced that the center has adopted a golden retriever puppy who was born with a disability. Living Well Program funds are gone, but WRDI staff are very pleased with the results they had with this program. They hope to receive other funding to continue this program. On June 24th, WRDI will host a golf tournament at the Red Rocks Golf Course as a fundraiser. An ADA Celebration Committee has been formed in Rapid City whose goal it is to make the annual ADA Celebration a much bigger event. They plan to expand on advertising, education and outreach to more people in the community. CHAP, Inc. in Pierre has dissolved, so WRDI is looking into taking over the protective payee services CHAP had provided in the past.

DRS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – Grady shared that the BVR meeting scheduled for yesterday and this morning had to be canceled due to the weather. He stated that the Governor's Awards were held on March 7th, and that they were fortunate to have Governor Rounds there

to present the awards. Larry Tolzin, a former SILC member and current member of the BVR, received the Distinguished Service Award. Grady indicated that there was excellent media coverage in Sioux Falls on Employee of the Year winner Duane List, and that other media around the State had been seeking information on the winners/event.

LEGISLATION – Grady stated that legislatively, there was not much to report. The Workforce Investment Act, which includes the Rehabilitation Act, still has not been reauthorized, and because this is an election year, Grady doubted that it would be passed this year. The administration came out with its proposed budget in March. Vocational rehabilitation programs received a cost of living adjustment (COLA). However, the Supported Employment, Projects with Industry, and Migrant Farm Workers programs all received cuts in their budgets. Grady said that in the past, the House and Senate have restored funds to those programs. Of real concern to vocational rehabilitation are drastic cuts to the Department of Labor budget (up to \$600 million), which would significantly affect SD Career Centers. Concern still exists as to the possible block granting of all Labor programs, and an assumption on the federal level that states would be responsible to make up for funding losses. On the State level, the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) has had significant impact on SD. At the Mid Winter Conference, held in Pierre last week, the new electronic ballot marking machines were demonstrated. These machines are scheduled to be available at all polling places in SD for the fall general elections. On a State level, HB 1039 gave DHS the one-time go ahead to utilize surplus telecommunication relay service funds to enhance communications for people with disabilities. HB 1237 provided some tax relief to persons with disabilities and the elderly. HB 1040 revised the fee schedule for services at the

Human Services Center; those fees had not been increased for over 20 years. HB 1141, which sets standards for interpreter certification was vetoed by the Governor, thus will be settled by legislators on the 35th day of session.

REGION VI CIL/SILC TRAINING – Grady described the sequence of events that took place in relation to the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) training in Dallas. The federal government came out with a rating scale for various programs utilizing the terms adequate, inadequate and at risk. Of the programs studied, one fourth were judged adequate, one half inadequate and one fourth were at risk. Independent Living fell into the latter category. A month ago, Independent Living Research and Utilization (ILRU) announced this training to the CILs. It was billed as preparing centers for how their programs would be rated/assessed in the future. Grady expressed his concern on how this sequence of events rolled out. First, State agencies (DRS and SBVI) were not apprised of this training, and the advance time for the CILS was limited. Secondly, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) did not endorse the training. Grady noted that he had registered his dissatisfaction of the situation with RSA and Region VI. SD is now on the mailing list for future announcements. They will receive a video to use in local training for the CILs and SILC. Another SILC member noted that while she was at a conference in Virginia, they touched on PART, and she said that the presenting consultant had not been very effective. She hoped that this was not the same person featured in the video.

BENEFITS PLANNING, ASSISTANCE & OUTREACH SERVICES (BPAO) – The Benefits Planning, Assistance & Outreach Services Program is coming to the end of its funding cycle. This program has helped to fund a Benefits Specialist in SD. The Social Security Administration has been funding one position in SD, and DRS is funding five additional persons

working as benefits specialists or in training. Requests for proposals for refunding of this program are due in April 2006. Grady stated that they were concerned that only one position would be funded. As the grant application is being prepared, the authors will be looking for letters of support from the centers and SILC if letters of support are allowed. RSA VISIT – Grady and Gaye have been participating in monthly conference calls with our new RSA State Liaison, Susan Rankin-White. She is most anxious to collaborate with our State. On June 12-16, she will visit SD to meet and greet the key players i.e., DRS and SBVI employees, consumers, members of SILC, BSBVI and BVR, and representatives of Black Hills Special Services Cooperative (BHSSC) and the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (the Coalition). During her second visit, she and her staff will be here in an evaluation/monitoring capacity. Ms. Rankin-White is scheduled to meet jointly with SILC, BVR and BSBVI on June 15th from 4-6 p.m. Notice will be sent out from Grady and Gaye, inviting members to attend on a certain date and time. If some cannot make it during those times, the effort will be made to loop them in by phone. Grady stated that once RSVPs are received, that information would be passed onto Ms. Rankin-White so that she might contact stakeholders directly before the meeting.

At this time, the meeting adjourned for the day so that the Budget and Strategic Planning/Advocacy Committees could meet.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m., March 15th and Vona Johnson joined the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: BUDGET COMMITTEE – Gary stated that the Budget Committee had met by conference call

on March 8th. During their meeting yesterday afternoon and again this morning, they were discussing the current (SFY2006) SILC budget. The recommendations they wished to bring forward were:

Extend the due date for organizational application for strategic planning (SP) funds through April 7th

Move \$1500 from SP funds into SILC travel to allow a member to attend the 2006 NCIL Conference

Hold a Budget Committee conference call on April 20th to decide on re-allocation of any remaining funds

A member then questioned if they needed to act on the FY2006 budget recommendations before moving on to FY2007. Grady said that he had anticipated delaying any action on the 2006 budget until after the April 20th conference call. He added that the Executive Committee would need to take action on behalf of the SILC as to any remaining dollars.

MOTION TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS YEAR'S BUDGET RE-ALLOCATION UNTIL THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MAKES ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER APRIL 20TH AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE FULL SILC REGARDING ANY REMAINING IL FUNDS – M.

The question was then raised as to postponing action on the recommendation to transfer \$1500 to the SILC travel line item from SP funds. It was concluded that because the NCIL Conference was in May, it would be cutting it too close to the end of the fiscal year to delay the transfer. Discussion also ensued on the extension of the due date to apply for SP funds. Grady amended his motion by adding: **AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF \$1500 FROM SP TO**

SILC TRAVEL AND EXTEND THE DEADLINE
ORGANIZATIONS CAN APPLY FOR SP FUNDS TO APRIL

7TH. After further discussion, Tom called for action of the motion on the table. **SC.** Grady summarized by stating that the SILC is authorizing the Executive Committee to balance the books and to distribute any remaining funds. He added that Tom Kober would represent the Budget Committee during the Executive Committee's deliberations. Next, copies of the SFY2007 recommendations were distributed (see attached). Gary indicated that the Budget Committee had discussed the 3% provider inflation (appropriated by the State), which came to approximately \$30,173. They recommended dividing these funds among the centers. They also called for \$1,262 in unallocated funds to be awarded to CSD for their HMAD program. Gary reviewed the SFY2007 budget recommendation sheet. He noted that the committee had spoken in depth about dispersing HMAD funds based on the percentage of total number of consumers served by each center. Betsy distributed a sheet of various dispersal options that they had reviewed (see attached). The choices included dispersing funds as they have done in the past, or 100%, 50% and 25% dispersal based on number of consumers served. One member added that the committee consensus was to make the change over a two-year period as to not place undue hardship on any one center. Committee members believe that spending needs to be justified on some data rather than just awarded. One member stated that it was very hard to justify equal funding when the centers were serving such a wide variance of consumer numbers. Consensus among Budget Committee members was to go with 50% allocation of HMAD funds based on percentage of number of consumers served. Lengthy discussion ensued. One member pointed out that centers in an area with a higher population

base would automatically have more persons served. The point was also made that consumers served data referred to all IL services and not to just HMAD recipients. Grady asked if all centers had a waiting list for HMAD services and the answer was yes. One committee member stated that concerns about waiting lists had entered into their discussion. Grady stressed that the need for more funds existed everywhere, making all areas of the State underserved. He asked how they could justify taking \$37,000 from individuals on the reservations and moving those funds to other areas of the State. A committee member responded that they tried to weigh both sides of the issue while looking at how to allocate funds on a more equitable basis. Grady suggested that any decision would result in further discussions and the possibility of repercussions. He asked if the committee discussed for example, why PFC spends \$2.00 to every \$1.00 that OIL spends on consumers. Gary responded that this discussion stemmed from questions OIL's Board of Directors brought forth after reading all the CIL 704 reports. Betsy concurred saying that committee members are trying to justify CIL spending/funding. They are looking at the need for a defined method of funding. Vona shared some 2000 census data on people with disabilities. She stated that 40% of those persons with physical disabilities live in the area served by PFC, 20% WRDI, 21% OIL and 10% NAAP. Gaye said that she had issue with basing funding on the number of consumers served, when we do not keep track of rendered services. She asked if statistics were available on HMAD consumers only. There was much further discussion on the data being used to reach funding decisions. Grady warned that this matter could become extremely controversial and problematic, and if the SILC did proceed, he would not be part of it. He suggested going on record at least one year in advance that the SILC

would be going to an entirely new funding allocation system, making it clear that it is based on IL accountability and standards. Another member responded that if this decision was delayed now, when another year rolls around, it might be put off again. She stated that the Budget Committee wants justification for the awarding of funds in place when RSA comes to evaluate IL in SD. The question arose as to whether the committee members discussed CIL operational budgets as well, and the answer was affirmative. Gaye commended the Budget Committee for all their hard work, but she said that from someone who came from a service provider background, she needed more information than just the 704 reports. Further discussion ensued. Members called for revision of the recommendation to be based on population statistics instead of consumers served. Greg stated that because these are federal funds, judgments should be based on the percentages of all disability groups, and not just those for physical limitations. Grady stated that he understood members' frustration and suggested using \$21,000 from CIL training and strategic planning funds to hire a consultant. Tom called for an end to the discussion and asked members to take action.

MOTION TO ALLOCATE FY2007 HMAD FUNDS BASED ON 25% OF CONSUMERS SERVED SCENARIO, AND TO APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE TO GATHER IL HMAD STATISTICS AND PRESENT A FURTHER RECOMMENDATION AT THE DECEMBER MEETING AS TO HOW TO ALLOCATE HMAD FUNDS IN THE FUTURE-

MS. Gaye pointed towards resources at SD State University (SDSU) and through the Region VIII Continuing Education Program in Colorado that could possibly assist the sub-committee. Grady indicated that he felt the need to go on record at this time and stated that as a non-voting member of the Council, he could not support this motion. Gary went on

record and stated that he would abstain from voting on this motion. One member noted that in the business world, employees are given warnings or put on probation, and that she had a problem with setting the CILs against one another. Tom then reviewed the motion and called for a vote. **MOTION FAILED. MOTION TO APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO THE CILS AND TO BRING FORTH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DECEMBER, 2006 MEETING, AND FOR CIL TRAINING FUNDS (\$11,154) AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FUNDS (\$10,000) TO BE ALLOCATED TO PURCHASE ANY CONTRACTUAL SERVICES DEEMED NECESSARY TO SECURE INFORMATION TO JUSTIFY ANY ACTION THE SILC WILL TAKE – MS.** Shelly asked if she could step out of role as SILC staff and speak as Coalition Executive Director. Permission was granted. She said that it saddened her to think that the only source of funding for consumer training would be taken away. Members discussed the possibility of first appointing the committee without appropriating any funds. The consensus was that there were opportunities out there that would cost the SILC nothing. **THE MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN. MOTION TO APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALLOCATION OF HMAID AND OTHER IL SERVICE FUNDING, AND TO BRING FORTH WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE DECEMBER 2006 SILC MEETING THAT WILL BE ACTED UPON FOR SFY2008 AND BEYOND – MS.** Suggestions were made to involve the CILs in the discussions since any outcome will affect them directly; insure that the sub-committee not be too large as to bog down the process, and ask that the Executive Committee appoint members who will make up the sub-committee. Tom called for a vote on the motion on the table. **MOTION CARRIED. MOTION TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE BOARD**

OF DIRECTORS OF EACH CIL APPRISING THEM THAT THE IL FUNDING PROCESS WILL CHANGE AS OF JUNE 1ST, 2007 – MSC.

Grady stated that the letter would be signed by Tom as Chairperson, and Gaye and himself as Directors of the designated state units (DSUs). Discussion ensued on the Executive Committee's choices for the sub-committee.

Interested members were asked to volunteer. One member stated that she did not want to offend Gary, but that she did not think he should be a member of the sub-committee. Gary responded that he thought it important to have Association of CILs representation on the sub-committee. The comment was then made that since this sub-committee would be reviewing the CILs, they needed to be concerned with perceptions. Gary replied that the Association would meet to formulate an official opinion on the sub-committee process. Staff suggested that two members from the Strategic Planning/Advocacy Committee, two members from the Budget Committee and one member from the Executive Committee be chosen. Grady underlined that since this would be a major shift in the way the SILC does business, this would be a sensitive and controversial process, and that choice of sub-committee members should be left up to the Executive Committee. Members were asked by a show of hands who would be willing to serve - Gary, Vona, Betsy, Roxanne and Linda all responded in the affirmative. Staff was asked to also poll the members not present. The question arose as to how the sub-committee would meet and Grady indicated by conference call and occasional face-to-face meetings.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FUNDING-MONITORING SUB-

COMMITTEE – MSC. Attention then turned to the SFY2007

budget recommendations. **MOTION TO APPROVE SFY2007 HMA D BUDGET RECCOMENDATIONS AT THE SAME**

LEVELS AS SFY2006 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CSD WHO WILL RECEIVE \$5,025 (SFY2006 LEVEL PLUS \$1,262 IN UNALLOCATED FUNDS) – MSC.

Grady asked members to please be aware that the 3% COLA figure might vary. Next, Gary moved on to budget priorities and he reviewed a March 2005 letter from Chairperson Tom Kober to Grady Kickul outlining those priorities. Since the number one priority of getting each CIL to the base budget of \$250,000 had been met, the Budget Committee suggested dropping that priority and leaving the other four the same. Grady asked that the Budget Committee rethink their recommendation and formulate priorities for SFY2008 based on the SILC's earlier discussions, and to add re-evaluation of CIL funding to their SFY2008 priorities.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/ADVOCACY (SPA) COMMITTEE – WORK PLAN – Shelly stated that because of major changes at RSA, they looked at revamping the SILC Work Plan. Staff will compare the State Plan and the Work Plan and come up with a revised draft Work Plan. Members also discussed the possibility of publishing an annual report.

704 REPORTS – HOW MIGHT THE SILC USE THEM? – Because of the changing world i.e., RSA's emphasis on monitoring and outcomes, the Committee has suggested delving deeper into what has changed over the past few years (demographics, geography etc.). Grady urged SILC members to start setting performance/outcome expectations and to monitor how each CIL responds. Grady asked that this be made an agenda item for future meetings. He also suggested that Strategic Planning and Advocacy Committee had a role in the expectations and standards of the four CILs, but not for CSD, as it does not meet the federal definition of a CIL. However, DHS will review CSD along with the other four centers.

2006 PUBLIC MEETINGS – Shelly indicated that the SILC was mandated to hold public meetings

when significant changes in the state plan were expected. The committee recommended forgoing public meetings at this time, however, if WIA was reauthorized, they would be looking at drafting a whole new state plan. Grady stated that in the past, collaboration in the planning of public meetings was encouraged between SILC, BVR and BSBVI. This year, due to an increase in caseloads, the BVR is contemplating adoption of an order of selection on October 1st, which would require revision of their state plan. This will be the main topic of discussion at the BVR 2006 public meetings.

DOT NEWS AND ISSUES: Roxanne asked if anyone had attended the Pandemic Summit sponsored by the Department of Health. None of the other members had been in attendance. She stated that the head of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) was a featured speaker, and that the conference focused on the Bird Flu virus. Attendees learned that 30-40% of America's workforce could be affected when the virus hits the United States, forcing shortages in food, utility outages and disruption of emergency response (firefighters, police officers, etc.). Roxanne stated that if anyone was interested in having a speaker come to give a presentation on the bird flu pandemic, to contact her office. She stressed that preparations should start at the community level. Grady added that DHS was represented at the Pandemic Summit, and that the SILC and Coalition would have a role in making people aware and as prepared as possible. Many State employees are currently taking National Incident Management Systems Training. This is to invoke a standardized response on the part of government employees to an emergency i.e., riots, fire, flood or pandemic. The training will help to establish roles in response to an "incident". Roxanne indicated that she had found the training to be both

practical and useful. Roxanne noted that there was no update on the United We Ride Grant.

SDHDA NEWS AND ISSUES: Vona attended a meeting in Sioux Falls yesterday regarding homelessness. The Housing Authority was thrown into the legislative process when a bill that would affect the Governor's House program was introduced. Vona thanked all of those who advocated against the proposal, which could have set the program back. She added that SDHDA needed to educate SD legislators about the positive aspects of the program in communities throughout the State. A website, www.sdhousingsearch.com, for persons looking for affordable/accessible housing is up and running. Vona encouraged members to inform property owners and consumers about the website. A Homeless Summit will be held April 24-25 in Chamberlain. A major focus will be disconnected services. SDHDA personnel toured the Cedar Village property in Yankton, and the hope is to duplicate the project in Sioux Falls. Vona announced that Executive Director Dar Baum would retire at the end of the month. The next SDHDA newsletter will be targeting the Governor's House project. Grady added that DHS Secretary Betty Oldenkamp has left State government to work in the private sector in Sioux Falls. He stated that she would be sorely missed.

OTHER BUSINESS: NCIL CONFERENCE – Betsy has requested financial support to attend the NCIL Conference. Since she serves on the national committee, she will be attending anyway. Shelly noted that traditionally, a SILC member volunteers to go. Gary stated that he had gone five years ago, but that he was willing to go again. **MOTION TO ASK BETSY TO REPRESENT SILC AT THE NCIL CONFERENCE – MSC.** Betsy thanked members for the lively

conversations during the meeting. She stated that nothing good happens easily, and she was very excited that members were trusting in the process.

FUTURE ACTIONS: NEXT MEETING: JUNE 15TH – RAMKOTA IN PIERRE – The next meeting has already been scheduled for June 15th at the Ramkota in Pierre.

ADJOURNMENT – **MOTION TO ADJORN – MSC.** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.