

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2006

GOVERNORS INN – PIERRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Biffert, Betty Coon, Jaci Casonova-Keller for Gail Ferris, Patrick Czerny, Ryan Green, Grady Kickul, Mark Lauseng, Thomas Kober, Jamie Mack, Gaye Mattke, Roxanne Rice, Betsy Valnes and Gary Wald. MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Arneson, Josia Fuerst and Philomine Moran. OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Brandner, Vona Johnson, Ann Van Loan, Matt Cain, Mary Genzlinger, Vicki King, Jim Miklos, Marla Bull Bear, 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. Tom welcomed all in attendance including new members Patrick Czerny and Jamie Mack; everyone introduced him/herself and told something about their roles and interest in serving on the SILC. Grady noted that the purpose of the Council was to provide advice and support for independent living services in South Dakota (SD).

MEETING PROTOCOL - Tom reviewed the meeting protocol rules included with the agenda. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Staff requested that renewal of NCIL membership dues be added to the agenda. MOTION TO

APPROVE THE AGENDA AS REVISED MADE (M),
SECONDED (S) AND CARRIED (C). APPROVAL OF JUNE SILC MINUTES – MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE SILC MINUTES – MSC. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – MOTION TO

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TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom called for any public comments. Shelly asked if she could step out of role and speak on behalf of the Freedom to Work Project (FTW) Consumer Outreach Committee. Permission was granted. Shelly stated that Mike Walling would present his Benefits and Employment Training for the last time in 2006 on October 10th in Aberdeen, October 11th in Watertown (transition focus), October 12th in Brookings (transition focus) and October 13th in Yankton. She mentioned that Mr. Walling would be back to SD only twice next year. Shelly then returned to her role as SILC staff. Grady then indicated that although Lynne Dee Cain had left the Council, members should remember her by voting and encouraging others in their communities to vote. He urged everyone to try the new accessible ballot marking machines. Gaye added that Secretary of State Chris Nelson spoke recently at a meeting of the South Dakota Association of the Blind where he spoke about the electronic ballot marking machines and assured them that the machines would be ready for the November election. Ryan congratulated Matt Cain on his appointment as new Executive Director of Prairie Freedom Center for Independent Living.

DRS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS – Grady shared that the Vietnam War Memorial Dedication was a wonderful event and that the Department of Human Services (DHS) played a significant role in providing disability services. Grady referred to a handout distributed by staff that explained the Ticket to Work & Work Incentives Advisory Panel (Panel) Beneficiary Summit to be held in Atlanta, Georgia February 6-7, 2007 (see attached). He

noted that both Presidential and Legislative appointees serve on the Panel, which was designed to re-configure the Social Security benefit system and to encourage people on benefits to become employed. Grady mentioned Dave Miller, former SD Director of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) now working with CSD in Sioux Falls, and Thomas Golden, a presenter at the last Mid-winter Conference are members of the Panel. The Panel is looking for persons who are current or prior recipients of Social Security benefits to attend the Summit. Grady stated that this was an excellent opportunity for organizations to nominate someone to attend, or for an individual to nominate him/herself. He asked that members with suggestions on whom to nominate contact SILC staff or his office. Shelly added that the Summit was only one piece of what the Panel wanted to accomplish. They also plan on holding public forums as a targeted effort to maintain the voices of beneficiaries within the Social Security System even after the Panel dissolves. Vona noted that SD Housing and Development Authority (SDHDA) is sponsoring a nationally known speaker during their Housing for the Homeless Consortium-October 10-12 in Rapid City, who will address the problem of getting benefits to the homeless in a timely manner as well as provide caseworker training. Next, Grady focused on National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). He stated that events were being held across the State throughout the month of October, and staff provided a brief overview of these activities (see attached). Grady indicated that NDEAM event attendance has been increasing over the years, and more and more employers are becoming involved. Mayor's Committees have even been sponsoring their own awards. He encouraged SILC members to attend NDEAM activities in or near their own

communities, and he stated that the SILC would pay for their travel expenses. **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** – Grady announced that Betty Coon and Gary Wald had both been reappointed to the SILC. He welcomed new members Pat Czerny, Jamie Mack and Mark Lauseng. He asked staff to draft letters of thanks to outgoing members Lynne Cain, Eileen White, Travis Hamilton and Dar Baum. Grady explained that new members participate in an orientation process, and asked that they meet in Sioux Falls with Greg and Shelly before the start of the December meeting. **RSA SUE RANKIN-WHITE REPORT** – Grady referenced the Report from Sue’s earlier visit that had been previously mailed to members. He said that a lot had changed at the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), with the closing of all the regional offices, downsizing to one central office in Washington, D.C. and the lay-off of many employees. Sue Rankin-White was named as the new RSA liaison for SD. During her visit to our State, she had the opportunity to meet many constituents/stakeholders including Center of Independent Living (CIL) directors, Native American 121 Project directors, and members of the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), SILC and Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI). Grady asked that if members had any questions about Ms. Rankin-White’s report, to be in touch. He added that DRS was hoping for an on-site monitoring review next June. The purpose of said review would be to assure RSA that we were delivering VR and IL services in the way the law intended. **WRDI BOARD REQUEST** – Grady referred to copies of a letter mailed to members late last week from the Board of Western Resources for dis-ABLED Independence (WRDI) regarding their request to shift \$10,000 in Home Modification and Assistive Devices (HMAD) funds to a

resource development program. Their Board was able to raise \$13,500 in HMAD funds within the last few months, so the request to utilize the federally awarded funds for resource development. Ann stated that their need for updated brochures, video and website had been discussed at their last month's Board meeting. She added that competition from other area organizations had made fundraising more difficult, and that they would not be taking anything away from their consumers. The question was raised as to whether the \$13,500 they had earned was specifically earmarked for HMAD and not for anything else. Jackie stated that Adult Services and Aging had been made aware of the deficits that occur in HMAD funding and they are willing to work with the CILs. **MOTION TO DENY THE WDRI REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$10,000 IN HMAD FUNDS TO A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – MS.** Gary explained that each CIL receives a certain dollar amount for HMAD from the SILC, and that there is an option in the regulations that up to \$10,000 could be moved to another category. Grady indicated that in that particular case, there were six SD counties that were not receiving IL services. The SILC worked with Opportunities for Independent Living (OIL) to cover those counties, and during that process, the SILC re-directed \$10,000 on two occasions to reimburse OIL for their services. Grady expressed concern that there were never enough funds to cover HMAD demand and that many consumers wound up on waiting lists. He expressed reservations with setting a precedent, which was switching funds from budgeted direct services to CIL promotional activities. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of WDRI's request. One member noted that fundraising for tangible items like HMAD was relatively easy, while finding dollars for brochures, videos, etc. was much more difficult.

Another asked why there would be a negative impact if the funds that were being shifted were immediately replaced. Grady stated that every year he asks for additional HMAD funds to makeup for the shortfall. Three to four months out of every year, consumer need cannot be met. There has always been a history of waiting lists for direct consumer services, and Grady expressed great concern about eroding a budget that is already greatly inadequate and setting this type of precedent. Members suggested that during yearly budget planning, CIL directors could designate part of their base budgets for development purposes. Greg stated that the clause in question had been placed in the CIL contract since around 1997 and that perhaps it was time to revisit, re-clarify and to perhaps even remove it. Tom called for action on the motion on the floor. **MOTION CARRIED – (C)**. Staff asked to confer with Tom on drafting a letter of response to the Board of WRDI. Further discussion on the issue ensued. It was decided that the matter of the wording in the contract regarding the shifting of funds was a DRS contract issue. The Executive Committee agreed to discuss the matter with DRS. Gary urged them to leave the funding transfer option in the language, stating that they could not foresee the future and that the SILC did have the choice of denying individual requests.

DSBVI DIRECTOR'S REPORT: DIVISION UPDATE – OLDER BLIND CONSUMER SATISFACTION – Gaye noted that 102 consumers from the Older Blind Independent Living Program were sent consumer satisfaction surveys and of those, fifty-eight persons or 57% responded. Gaye provided results to some of the consumer feelings about the outcome of services as follows:

76% felt that they were more confident in their ability to perform activities.

68% felt more confident in their ability to move around.

52% felt more able to prepare meals for themselves.

45% felt they were more equipped to manage their households.

50% felt more able to manage paperwork.

Gaye reported on other categories as well. In the end, 98% of respondents said that they would recommend the program to others. Gaye was asked about the format of the survey, how often it was completed and whether the percentages changed significantly from year to year. She answered that the annual survey was first mailed out and then followed up by a phone call, and that percentages stayed relatively the same. CCTV PROGRAM UPDATE – Gaye stated that DakotaLink had been instrumental in the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Program. Currently there are 125 units in the program, 75 units are on loan and 50 units are being leased. Fifty units have been returned and redistributed to other households. She added that assessment centers are located at SBVI offices statewide and rehabilitation teachers have become more directly involved with the program. Gaye referred members to the SBVI website where they acknowledge donations and memorials for the CCTV Program. She added that 25 people remain on a waiting list for units, so the Division plans on purchasing additional units within six months to meet that need. Gaye shared that SBVI had a caseload of

538 as compared to 507 last year with 253 successful closures.

DRS IL PROGRAM SPECIALIST REPORT: SFY2007SILC BUDGET – Staff distributed copies of the proposed SFY2007 SILC Budget (see attached). Greg explained that the first five acronyms on the budget are the CILs, the Quad Squad provides peer support on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and HMAD stands for Home Modification and Adaptive Devices Program. Greg reviewed the content of the budget handout. WRDI made a request for strategic planning funds last year, but because the event fell in this fiscal year, the funds will be awarded out of this year's budget. Greg stated that the Executive Committee had approved this. He indicated that when new members go through the orientation process, they would review the budget in more detail. Gary noted that the June 15th meeting minutes referenced the Executive Committee's decision to tentatively approve \$1,500 for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training out of FY2007 funds. Staff explained that individuals could apply for up to \$500 to attend training and organizations could request up to \$2,000 to hold an event from reserved strategic planning monies. The question was raised as to what becomes of any unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year, and staff answered that the SILC makes the decision what to do with any unspent funds. SURVIVING 704 REPORT TRAINING – Greg indicated that the format of the 704 reports – reports that CILs and the SILC must submit to the Federal Government - have been changed so as to improve IL's rating. The Office of Management and Budget had given the State IL program a rating of "results not demonstrated". In August, Tom Kelly, the chief of IL within RSA, hosted a 704 training conference call. Greg

indicated that it had been a good training. They are specifically looking at items such as consumers receiving services, individual services and achievements, outputs, increased independence and integration, information and referrals and goals in progress. RSA is monitoring how centers follow-up after disseminating information and referral. Ann commented that she had gone to the first training session in Portland and found it not to be very beneficial; subsequent sessions have been more informative. Grady asked when the new reporting guidelines went into effect and Greg answered October 1st. Greg noted that center staff could participate in a two-hour web cast on the IRLU website on "Surviving the 704 Report". Grady added that all CIL staff must understand the new reporting system and he suggested that centers use the web cast for staff training.

QUAD SQUAD UPDATE: Greg indicated that Jo White had been the driving force behind the Quad Squad, but that she was no longer employed by the company she had worked for. The SILC has asked repeatedly for a face-to-face meeting with Jo and Rick White about the Quad Squad, but they have not come. Greg added that he had not received the last quarterly report from the Whites. Gary expressed concerns about continuing to fund the group if Jo White was no longer associated with it. One member questioned how long the SILC had been supporting the Quad Squad financially, and Greg indicated that it had been ten years. Another member asked if they were still meeting regularly; no one knew for sure. Consensus was that the SILC had made every attempt to have the Quad Squad Program submit reports and account for their funding, but that had resulted in no response. The subject of a suspension of

funding letter was then discussed. **MOTION TO SUSPEND FUNDING OF THE QUAD SQUAD UNTIL SUCH TIME THEY RESPOND TO SILC REQUEST TO ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING AND EXPLAIN HOW FUNDS HAVE BEEN UTILIZED – MS.** Discussion ensued about adding a compliance date to the request. It was decided to add a friendly amendment to include a date one month prior to the next scheduled SILC meeting. Tom called for a vote on the motion as amended. **MOTION CARRIED –(C).**

SILC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT AWARDS REPORT – Shelly reported that there have been no requests for SILC strategic planning funds with the exception of the \$1,500 previously mentioned for WRDI to be awarded when they submit a more detailed request, and \$500 from Betsy Valnes to help support her participation at the APRIL Conference. **SILC FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE** – Shelly stated that the Funding Sub-committee met on August 2nd in Oacoma. Before that meeting, Tom had to excuse himself from serving because of the new position he has taken with CSD and a possible conflict of interest. They met again on August 31st. This morning and tomorrow afternoon the Sub-committee will be meeting with all of the CIL Directors. A conference call has been scheduled for September 28th to discuss the next steps. **SILC MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION REVISIONS** – Staff passed around a listing of SILC member contact information and asked that everyone check to be sure the information was indeed current. **NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING (NCIL) 2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** – Shelly indicated that a renewal notice for 2007 NCIL membership had been received, and that \$1,001.00 was due by January 31st. This

year NCIL provided an annual report, which was previously sent to members. Gary stated that NCIL was the only national organization that takes on federal issues on behalf of CILs and SILCs. He also indicated that OIL was a NCIL member and that he had attended several of their annual meetings. **MOTION TO RENEW SILC MEMBERSHIP WITH NCIL – MSC.**

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW: Shelly noted that new members had the option to serve on two committees. The Budget Committee, chaired by Gary Wald, traditionally looks at the budget in March, making recommendations to the full SILC, and comes up with budget priorities for each year. The Strategic Planning/Advocacy Committee utilizes a work plan based on the SILC State Plan. They monitor the State Plan, IL services and the general functioning of the SILC. Shelly was asked if new members had a choice of committees and if there were any vacancies. She noted that the Strategic Planning/Advocacy Committee was short of members. At this time, members broke into committee meetings. The meeting was adjourned for the evening.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 Wednesday morning. Everyone present introduced him/herself.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: BUDGET COMMITTEE – The Budget Committee did not have anything to report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE –

Linda reported that their Chairperson, Eileen White, had resigned from the SILC when she moved out of State.

During yesterday's Committee meeting, Linda was elected as the new Chair. They asked staff to streamline the SILC work plan, and the Committee will review it when it is

completed. Linda said that they would try to present the new plan at the December meeting.

ASSOCIATION OF CILS REPORT – Ann stated that they had discussed the 1% in Federal funds at their last Association meeting and how it could impact the centers. Gary and Ann were planning on attending an upcoming Region VIII Conference to be held in Wyoming. She added that the Association was still working on their 501 (c) (3) status.

DOT NEWS AND ISSUES – Roxanne announced that the Department of Transportation (DOT) was trying to implement two new programs: Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and New Freedom Program. DOT has received proposed budgets from their transit providers, which came in much higher than the available funding. She stated that across the board cuts are likely. The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) has implemented new safety rules, which are very restrictive. Roxanne said that DOT had filed comments with FTA asking for more flexibility; a national transit association adopted these comments. Gaye noted that DOT had been extremely cooperative and helpful during the Vietnam War Memorial Dedication. Roxanne thanked Gaye for the positive comments and added that DOT had recognized some of their employees for their work during the event. Shelly asked to step out of role and permission was granted. She announced that DOT had received a United We Ride Planning Grant with which they would set the framework for action for SD. They have contracted with the South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities for some of her time. Shelly stated that she recently attended a transit conference in Spearfish. The next step will be to plan action at state and community levels. She added that there

is the potential for future funding, and that they would welcome input from the SILC as they venture out to various communities. She asked if United We Ride could be a future agenda item under the DOT report.

SDHDA NEWS AND ISSUES: Vona announced that South Dakota Housing and Development Authority (SDHDA) was hosting "Stepping Stones Training" for caseworkers who work with those consumers trying to get approved for SSI/SSDI. They are also in the process of updating their Consolidated Plan; SDHDA does not anticipate many changes. Vona said they would welcome comments on the Plan between September 29th and October 30th. The Plan is posted on the SDHDA website, www.sdhda.org. She stated that this year's Housing Conference would be held November 14-15. If anyone wishes to know more on the conference, feel free to call Vona or look at the information posted on the website. Lorraine Pollach has been promoted to oversee housing under the Homeless Consortium. Vona will oversee existing housing management companies and she will be the contact for any landlord issues. Vona stated that she would continue to represent Mark Lauseng on the SILC, a role that she enjoys. One member asked if there were still numbers of vacant accessible apartments throughout the State. Vona indicated that they have not heard of that problem lately, and they believe this may be partially due to use of their Housing Resource Guide.

DSS NEWS AND ISSUES: Jaci revealed that Gail Ferris has officially announced her retirement from the Department of Social Services (DSS) as of December 1st. She shared a new Adult Services and Aging brochure with members (see attached), and she referenced the "South Dakota Resource Directory for the Elderly" that is available through their office

and on their website www.dss.sd.gov. Jaci stated that during the 2006 Legislative Session HB1156 commissioned a study on the care of the elderly in SD. Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent to seven entities to complete the study, and DSS hopes to announce the winning bidder by January 1st. HB1072 provides incentives for persons on Medicaid to purchase long-term care insurance, taking some of the burden off of the State. This program helps protect certain asset levels. DSS has been approved for a long-term care campaign that will be entitled "Own Your Future". This will kick off in November, with other states participating also. More information, including a planning toolkit, is available on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website or call 1-866-PLANLTC. The question arose as to what percentage of South Dakotans had long-term care insurance. Jaci indicated that they did not have those statistics however, DSS plans on doing a random survey of 45-65 year olds to gather that information. Someone asked if SD law required payment for home modification under long-term care and indicated that the SILC should advocate for this. Jaci replied that the Division of Insurance would be involved with these issues. She also indicated that we were approaching the next sign-up opportunity for Medicare Part D (January 1st). A handout was distributed on Medicare Part B Preventative Benefits (see attached). DSS has also been involved with Workforce Development hiring. The Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DOE) and DOL collaborated with DSS to hold a SD Healthcare Workforce Summit back in July. It centered on what kind of positions are open in SD in the healthcare field.

CIL REPORTS: Tom asked to step out of role during the CIL reports, with Vice-Chair Ryan Green taking over the meeting. CSD – Tom reported that CSD in SD and Iowa are focusing on re-organization. They are looking to expand IL in southeastern SD. He indicated that there are many consumers in that area who need services. CSD has been providing classes in American Sign Language (ASL) around the State. They have been receiving numerous HMAD requests. CSD has been offering medical professionals exposure to the deaf community, and they have been advocating for closed captioning. They are applying for some funding from DOH. Tom noted that the Deaf community is furious over a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) decision to lessen requirements for closed captioning, and he asked everyone to consider writing letters to the FCC voicing their concerns. NAAP/TTH (Native American Advocacy Program/ Tateya Topa Ho) - Marla stated that there had been several staff changes at NAAP/TTH and that now they have a good core group of employees. They are also providing the only Native American focused alcohol, drug and domestic violence prevention program in the State. She indicated that NAAP/TTH thought that this dovetailed well with what the Center already did. Working with the Wisdom Keepers group in Eagle Butte, the Center arranged for 20 youth to do a home makeover in that community for a person with a disability. This was based on the "pay it forward" concept where an individual helps three different people in a significant way. They spent a day painting, doing minor home repair and doing yard care. When they were finished the home was a much brighter place to live, and the youth, adults and IL staff all had a wonderful experience. Marla added that their goal was to do a home makeover on each

of the nine reservations. She noted that they were looking for donations for the Helping Hands Project and for the names of consumers needing their services so that their youth could continue to "pay it forward". A member asked Marla how they went about identifying consumers for this project. She answered that they look at consumer lists to determine who is in the most need; then it is a team decision. They have enlisted the local newspaper and done radio spots challenging the local Boys and Girls Club to start their own project, and they have a youth representative on the NAAP/TTH Board of Directors. Vona indicated that every year SDHDA sponsors the "Paint SD Program" where they provide paint for at least 25 houses. SDHDA encourages organizations/groups to paint houses for the elderly and people with disabilities, and Vona urged NAAP/TTH to look into this program. Marla indicated that they were also working on a Federal Home Loan (FHL) Project. She noted that although they face many challenges, staff had been working hard to help as many persons as possible, and that their consumers were grateful. She added that when working with people, the term advocacy had been replaced with "peacemaking"; staff is trying to be more honest and realistic with consumers, and they seem to appreciate it. OIL – Gary stated that Opportunities for Independent Living (OIL) had just completed their last two projects under their previous Federal Home Loan grant. The new grant is for \$250,000, which will cover 25-\$10,000 home modification projects. He explained that FHL Bank now accepts applications for funding only one time a year. There is fierce competition for these funds and OIL feels very fortunate to have received them. OIL has also been working closely with Rural Development in this arena. Gary noted that their annual Harley Davidson raffle was a big success with the

selling of all 2100 tickets. Gail Neuville from Minnesota was the grand-prize winner. Jim Miklos was in charge of the fundraiser and preliminary figures show between \$16,000 and \$17,000 profit. Gary said that he continued to serve on the Aberdeen Ride Line Board; they are currently working toward evening and weekend service. He also serves on the Region VIII IL Conference planning Committee. That conference will take place in June in Casper, Wyoming and most of the OIL staff plans to attend. PFC – Matt explained that he had only been in his new position as Executive Director of Prairie Freedom Center (PFC) for two weeks. In August PFC completed their summer transition classes with 12 students participating. Peer support training was held last week for eight consumers. Matt stated that they were looking for ways to tailor peer support to the individuals' needs. Their annual poker run fundraising event was held last Saturday, and even though the weather did not cooperate, the 34 riders made more money than the previous Ten years. Public exposure in the form of radio and television interviews helped promote the event and PFC. Matt announced that they had hired Vicki Kerkvliet as their new Director of Services. Vicki is currently a Benefits Specialist for the State, and she will start her new job with PFC on October 16th. WRDI – Ann noted that Western Resources for dis-abled Independence (WRDI) staff have been busy in anticipation of a Federal onsite review. They have worked to revise their personnel manual, financial policies, three-year plan and job descriptions. An audit has been completed, and Ann indicated that it had been much more extensive than in the past. They were happy to discover that 77% of all their program time went to the four core services. She announced that WRDI had an opening for an IL Specialist to cover the Southern Hills. Their first

annual golf tournament was a big success netting around \$5,000. WRDI participated in an ADA picnic with over 200 people attending. Staff also completed Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines Training. Ann said that WRDI is exploring the possibility of administering a payee program, and that if anyone has any insights on that, to please let her know. Marla asked to cover one item that she had overlooked during her report. She stated that she was serving on a steering committee concerned with co-occurring disorders and that she has made it clear that her primary objective was to advocate for persons with disabilities. This group will be meeting next in December in Pierre. They plan on formulating a clear, concise document describing their objectives and actions. Grady complemented all the Directors on the content of their reports. He said that he was very impressed with all the new, innovative things that they were doing. Ryan added that PFC staff had played a vital role in the Sioux Falls ADA celebration. He also thanked all the Directors for meeting with the SILC Funding Sub-committee. Ryan turned control of the meeting back over to Tom at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business brought .

FUTURE ACTIONS: SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING –

Staff explained that the BVR had chosen the week of December 11th to hold their next meeting in Sioux Falls, and asked members if they wished their next meeting to coincide. Members decided to meet in Sioux Falls during that same week. **ADJOURNMENT – MOTION TO**

ADJOURN – MSC. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.