

STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
August 12 & 13, 2008

Tuesday, August 12

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by SILC Chairperson-Bill Marsh.

Members in attendance: Bill & Carol Ann Marsh, Dorothy Cronin, Ann Picot, John & Dianne Culhane, Pamela Hall, Shane Moore, Nora Sullivan, Ken Hoff, Lee Beidleman & Woody Absher.

Members Absent: Angela Tuner.

Guests in attendance: John (Blue) Picot & Jason, Real Time Transcriptionist.

SILC/SRC Meeting: Bill began the meeting by asking members of the Council how they felt about the time they had spent in the combined meeting attended earlier in the day. This was the first time that the two Councils had ever met together to discuss the benefits that both offer to the community and how in best practice could we work together without duplicating the services offered to members of the community.

Bill brought this discussion to a close by stating that he would do all he could to ensure that we would meet on a more regular basis thus allowing us to work more closely in a relationship which would benefit those who needed our service and commitment.

Agenda Review: All members of the Council were satisfied with the content of the Agenda to be discussed and so the meeting moved on.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of May 22/23, 2008 were reviewed. No changes were made. **Ann Picot motioned, and John Culhane seconded, to approve the 5/22&23/08 meeting minutes. Motion approved.**

Budget Report: Discussion followed regarding the approximate budget to the close of the meeting to be \$1,254.69. Dorothy asked the question about the total amount budgeted and the subtotal between the months of June and July and there being no change between WSIL only WILR. Following this question, Woody gave an extensive explanation regarding what the funding should be used for. He included in his detail the use of I&E funding and specified that it can be used for SILC activities only. Further detail or queries can be clarified by him by request. Mention of the Rural Transportation Voucher Program was explained by Lee after a question was posed by Nora.

John Culhane motioned, and Dorothy Cronin seconded, to approve the 7/31/08 budget report. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

WILR Quarterly Report: (see narrative) given out on the day.

Ken Hoff presented highlights from the full report and narrative, which were included in the SILC packet that was mailed out.

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WSIL Quarterly Report: (see narrative) (No WSIL representative)

The Council discussed WSIL's Director's, Carol Fontaine, non-compliance with SPIL and general attitude towards SILC. The discussion regarding WSIL and the contract, which appears to have been broken by WSIL's Director, was lengthy and occasionally heated. This had been under review for a very long time with no real ending in sight at the particular point in question. Letters had been forwarded to the appropriate party with no sign of a satisfactory outcome to date and everyone felt that SILC should bring to the attention of the Board the inadequacies that have been noted for some considerable time, with Wyoming Services for Independent Living (WSIL). Ken, Director of WILR, stated that the Council could consider one or two options which could possibly speed up the proceedings. However we needed to be quite clear of the consequences surrounding this very delicate issue in order to remain compliant with SPIL.

Jim McIntosh, DVR Administrator, was invited into the meeting and the outlines were presented to him for his consideration. He advised those present that he would seek the advice of the AG's office in regards to the matter of "terminating the Part B funding" if the WSIL board did not act in a manner, which behooves them. Woody stated that if WSIL were annexed out of the picture then the State Plan would have to be revisited.

John Culhane motioned, and Pamela Hall seconded, to approve the SILC Executive Committee send a letter to WSIL Board of Directors. Motion approved. Ken Hoff noted that he abstained from voting on the motion.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

VIP: Ken gave a report to each member of the Council, which was a satisfaction survey from the VIP. Woody stated that the VIP has been in existence since 1994 and this is the first time that there has been a decline in the numbers since Ken has been there.

Transportation: See Quarterly Report

BIAW: Dorothy provided copies of the BIAW narrative, and reviewed some highlights.

P & A Report: Lee expressed that this would be a short and probably inconsequential to most of the council. He presented the 2008 priorities documents for P&A's programs that require priorities. They are PADD, PAIMI, PATBI, and PAVA. CAP does not require priorities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Training: The training committee is currently without a chair, it is suggested that this issue is addressed after the elections, all agreed. Dorothy stated that this is an Appointed position not an elected position.

SRC Report: Dorothy reported that she had given her report out earlier in the day.

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Legislative: Ken reported that the Community Choice Act was a hot subject with both political parties, however in Wyoming there was a time delay of up to 3 months between a person going into a Nursing Home and trying to establish home nursing care, (under the rules of Eligibility for Medicaid).

Marketing: The SILC discussed the need to reprint/update their brochure that was displayed at the MEGA conference. Dorothy volunteered to update them.

Nomination/Membership: Nora/Woody introduced a new applicant for the SILC, John (Blue) Picot. Blue spoke briefly about why he would like to become a member of the SILC. SILC members and Blue were given time to ask questions and discuss his application. Blue was excused from the room, and SILC members voted on his application.

Dorothy Cronin motioned, and Carol Ann Marsh seconded, to approve Blue Picot to be recommended to the Governor as a SILC member. Motion approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Bill Marsh was asked to leave the room whilst nominations were put forward for the position. **Nora Sullivan moved, and Pamela Hall seconded, that Bill Marsh be elected for a two year term as SILC Chair. Motion approved.**

Dorothy Cronin was nominated to serve Vice-Chair. **Carol Ann Marsh moved, Ann Picot seconded, that Dorothy Cronin be elected for a two-year term as SILC Vice-Chair. Motion approved.**

Ann Picot was nominations for the post of Secretary and Treasurer. **Pamela Hall motioned, and Dorothy Cronin seconded, that Ann Picot be elected for a two-year term as SILC Secretary & Treasurer. Motion approved.**

The meeting recessed until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday 13th, 2008.

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Wednesday, August 13

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by SILC Chairperson-Bill Marsh.

Members in attendance: Bill Marsh & Carol Ann Marsh, Dorothy Cronin, Ann Picot, John & Dianne Culhane, Shane Moore, Nora Sullivan, Ken Hoff, Lee Beidleman & Woody Absher.

Guests in attendance: John (Blue) Picot & Jason, Real Time Transcriptionist.

A-Z about Brain Injury training – Mike Aurand, AACBIS

An excellent presentation on the subject of Brain Injury, what the causes and consequences of BI are, how it may affect behavior, relationships and the community and what can be done to assist people with BI and their families.

New Business:

Bill reiterated the importance of meeting with the SRC. The SILC should plan on coordinating with the SRC to see how closely we can work together. The Council will be notified in ASAP of time regarding our future meeting together.

SILC Meeting Dates: Two SILC meeting dates will be set in the same location/dates as the SRC. However, these cannot be set until the SRC meets in November.

The SILC's 1st Quarter meeting scheduled for November in Casper: Location TBA.

SILC Chair bid people a safe journey home and the meeting adjourned at 11.35am.