

Statewide Independent Living Council  
Quarterly Meeting  
June 21, 2006

- Meeting Called to Order, attendance and housekeeping
- Meeting minutes approved from last meeting
- Chair's report: Pam Berkeley is leaving her position as Executive Director of CORD. She hopes to remain involved with the SILC. Her term as Chairperson remains in effect until the September meeting
- State Plan Committee Report: Hearing on the proposed changes to the State Plan was held in Worcester on June 16, chaired by Mary Margaret Moore. Proposed changes to the State plan were endorsed by both written and verbal testimony at the hearing. Recommended changes were approved by the SILC unanimously. Changes will affect both FY '07 and FY '08. State plan will be brought to Commissioners Bartels and Gobastes for signatures and brought to RSA for approval in order for funds to be released as soon as possible.
- Treasurer's Report: As of June 15th, 2006, \$72,216.30 has been expended out of the '06 SILC budget, leaving a difference of \$114,351.44. The MCB money came in, in May, \$19,000, and most of those monies were expended with the May billing, which was about \$18,537.73. The SILC finance committee will sit down with MRC to discuss the billing cycle, so next year, our monies perhaps do not come in so late, as it's been coming in. \$2,100 in donations have been received for the ADA celebration. Treasurer's report accepted unanimously.

- Report from Commissioner Bartels: Reported on a meeting involving associations of the aging (ASAP's) and a possible collaboration between these agencies and ILC's in order to assist both elders and people with disabilities to live independently in the community. This has worked successfully at both Northeast Independent Living Center and the Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann. Reports were given by representatives of both Northeast Independent Living Center and The IL Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann as to their experiences. Also an update on the 1115 waiver to open up Medicaid funds for more community based services. This will help in community supported living and assisting people to leave nursing homes.
  
- Advocacy Committee Report: Event held at the State House on May 12. Legislators and staff attended to hear about people who left nursing homes and the stories of their successes in the community, and the value of Independent Living Centers. Further work on obtaining increase in funding in the budget. Continued work needs to be done for further increases in FY'08. PCA Workforce Bill should be coming out of committee and people are working hard to get that legislation moving. Also work being done on the Equal Access Bill which gives persons equal access to either nursing home care or the same care in the community. Discussion of draft legislation for a requirement to perform a CORI check for PCA's. So far this has not been filed. Advocacy Report accepted unanimously
  
- Development/nominations Report: Catherine Gabriel officially resigned from the SILC and this has been referred to the Governor's office. Betty Jane King has officially been reappointed. Shawn McDuff and Dawn Clark have also been officially appointed to the SILC. Nominations for the 4 officers of the SILC were up and will be voted on in

September. Visits to the centers will be happening by the SILC to recruit possible new members.

- SILC Coordinator's Report: Reported on NCIL National conference: Steve Higgins, Nancy Rumbolt-Trzcinski and Mary Margaret Moore attended. Meetings were held with every member of the Massachusetts delegations. The May 12 meeting at the State House was successful. Many staff attended. Plans are to be at the State House again this fall. Outreach plan is being worked on and centers are being visited in order to recruit more members. Work is being done on both the ADA celebration on July 26 at Dunn Pond State Park in Gardner and the SILC annual conference which will take place on September 11-13 in Marlboro
- Meeting Adjourned. Next quarterly meeting will be held at the SILC conference on September 13. Report accepted unanimously.