Slide 1: The SILC and the State Plan for Independent Living

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# Slide 2: Required Duties of the SILC

* Ensure the Council is composed of Governor appointed members, the majority of which will have significant disabilities and will not work for an Independent Living Center (ILC) or state agency;
* Develop, Monitor, review, and evaluate the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL);
* Meet regularly and ensure meetings are open to the public;
* Report on SPIL outcomes to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) via the annual Program Performance Report (PPR) which is submitted collaboratively with the Designated State Entity (DSE)
* Educate about Independent Living (IL).

# Slide 3: The SILC is Not Allowed To:

* Provide services directly to individuals with disabilities, other than information and referral;
* Provide funding to individuals or organizations not named in the SPIL;
* Lobby using federal funding;
* Be a part of or under another agency (the SILC must be autonomous);
* Provide oversight of the ILCs or the DSE;
* Keep more than 30% of the Title VIIB funds for administration.

# Slide 4: What is the SPIL?

* Outlines a comprehensive plan for providing and improving independent living services for individuals with disabilities in California;
* Is mandated by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
* Is a collaborative effort involving the Independent Living Network in California;
* Identifies the specific needs and priorities within the state’s IL community;

# Slide 5: What is the SPIL (continued)?

* Emphasizes the active participation of individuals with disabilities in the planning and decision-making process;
* Outlines how financial and other resources will be allocated to implement the plan effectively;
* Establishes mechanisms for ongoing evaluation and monitoring to ensure the plan's effectiveness;
* Provides avenues for public input and feedback to enhance inclusivity and responsiveness;
* Specifies reporting requirements to federal agencies for accountability and transparency.

# Slide 6: What Does the SPIL Do?

* Think of it as a statewide IL Roadmap.
  + Tells the “Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?”
  + Identifies roles and responsibilities
  + Identifies funding sources
  + Identifies objectives and desired outcomes
* The SPIL goals serve as a comprehensive framework for ILCs, enabling them to effectively address statewide priorities at the local level.
* It informs the Governor and Legislature about the shared priorities of the IL Network in our state.
* It informs the ACL on how we are utilizing our funding.

# Slide 7: Who makes decisions about the SPIL?

* The SILC Chairperson, in collaboration with other SILC Council members, is responsible for writing the SPIL.
* The SILC collaborates with the IL Network to determine the goals and priorities of the network for the three-year period in the SPIL.
* The goals and priorities are informed by the ILCs, members of the public, SILC members, legislation, and more.
* The SPIL is signed by the SILC Chairperson after it has been voted on by the Council.
* The SPIL is signed by at least 51% of the ILC Executive Directors.
* The SPIL is signed by the DSE Director, agreeing to abide by assurances in administrating the funds per the SPIL.

# Slide 8: What is the role of SILC staff?

* SILC Staff support the work of the Council.
* SILC Staff handle the administrative duties of running a state agency, scheduling meetings, posting documents, and providing technical assistance to members.
* SILC Staff are NOT decision makers, they may only support the work of the Council. They may not conduct the work.
* SILC Staff do not lead meetings unless there is a temporary need due to absence of a convener for the group.
* SILC Staff are subject to the same rules as any state agency employee.
* Staff coordinate documents related to the SPIL, help to gather signatures for the SPIL, and submit the SPIL to the ACL on behalf of the CA IL Network.

# Slide 9: SPIL Timeline

* The SILC develops the SPIL (now through March 2024)
* Draft SPIL approved first by SPIL Committee, then the Executive Committee. (March 2024)
* Draft SPIL goes out for public comment. (April 2024)
* Feedback incorporated into SPIL draft at direction of SPIL Committee. (May 2024)
* Final SPIL approval from SILC. Chairperson signs on behalf of the Council. (May 2024)
* Gather ILC Executive Director signatures. Obtain DSE Director signature. (June 2024)
* Signed SPIL submitted to ACL (June 30, 2024)
* SPIL goes into effect October 1, 2024 if approved

## Slide 10: Questions/Comments

Thank you!

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