**State Plan for Independent Living Committee Meeting**

July 15, 2024

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

Tink Miller - SPIL Chair/Executive Director, Placer Independence Resource Services (PIRS)

Jose Solorzano – SPIL Vice-Chair/SILC Member

Ligia Andrade Zuniga – SILC Chair

Alan Cruz – SPIL Member/SILC Member

Eddie Morgan – SPIL Adjunct Member/Executive Director, Tri-County Independent Living, Inc. (TCIL)

Anisa Escobedo – C and C Vice-Chair/SILC Member

Ana Acton – Deputy Director, Independent Living and Community Access Division (ILCAD), Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Regina Cademarti – Chief, Independent Living, Assistive Technology, and Traumatic Brain Injury Section (ILATS), DOR

Sheri Burns – Executive Director, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)

Russell Dawson Rawlings – Community Organizing Manager, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)

Larry Grable – Executive Director, Service Center for Independent Life (SCIL)

Jacqueline Jackson – California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA)

Kristy Madden – Systems Change Advocate, Communities Actively Living Independent & Free (CALIF)

Carrie England – SILC Executive Director

Allison Viramontes-Nhan – SILC Legislative Specialist

1. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

1. SILC Member Updates

Ms. Escobedo shared that Tri-County Independent Living, Inc. (TCIL) is hosting a 2024 Expo on August 9 at the Santa Clara Conference Center. She encourages any local members who are available to attend. More information is available on their website. They are also having a disability pride event in Del Norte.

1. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2024, SPIL Committee Meeting

Mr. Solorzano motioned for approval of the Draft Minutes from May 20, 2024, and Mr. Cruz seconded the motion. This passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

1. 2024 SPIL
   1. DOR Update
      1. Transition and Diversion Information

Ms. Cademarti shared that this fund has been fully encumbered, and DOR is still processing invoices. There are 24 transition requests and 84 diversion requests. DOR held a meeting to share information with ILCs about grant renewal, with the most important item being the decrease from $360,000 to $238,000 for FY24-25. They encourage ILCs to apply for the Community Living Fund (CLF) for eligible requests.

* + 1. Systems Change Information

The grant is in its third year, ending on September 30, 2024. This will be extended for three to six months to allow for a new grant award process after the approval of the SPIL. They are waiting to receive the third quarter report for April through June 2024.

* + 1. Tier Augmentation Updates

Ms. Cademarti shared background information on the Tier Augmentation grants. Six of the 28 ILCs receive this grant, and 58% of the $940,000 grant has been invoiced through April 2024. Funds have been used for programs such as: developing a life skills training series, providing transition-age youth with travel training, conducting a monthly Blind Support Group, building infrastructure to become an Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), and outreach to underserved communities.

The grant amount will be reduced from $940,000 to $920,000 for FY24, and DOR has held a grant renewal meeting to share information about the grant renewal process with the ILCs.

* + 1. Other DOR IL Program Updates

The IL section has welcomed Shapree Butler as Manager and Maria Gonzalez as Office Technician. IL Staff have completed 19 ILC Site visits to connect with the ILCs, meet the staff in person, and learn about the services provided.

Upcoming work for DOR includes grant renewal season and preparing for the Section 704 Program Performance Report (PPR).

1. 2025-2027 SPIL Submission Update

Ms. England reported that the 2025-2027 SPIL has been submitted to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) using the Q90 portal two days ahead of schedule. It has been signed by the SILC Chair, the DOR Executive Director as the Designated State Entity, and 25 of the 28 ILCs. One additional ILC was willing to sign but is experiencing technical difficulties with the portal. The remaining two centers have not responded to requests for feedback or their signature.

The next step is waiting for feedback from ACL on any changes needed, and she expects to hear about this in September with an effective date of October 1.

1. Summary of Activities Requiring Follow-Up at Next Meeting
   1. Next Meeting August 19, 2024

There are no items requiring follow-up at the next meeting.

1. Adjourn