**State Plan for Independent Living Committee Meeting**

March 17, 2025

DRAFT Minutes

Action Items:

* DOR will move forward with confirming the total Title VIIB Funds remaining from the FY2024 SPIL projects and allocating those to the FY2025 Transition and Diversion fund.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

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

Alan Cruz – SILC Member/SPIL Member

Susan Rotchy – SILC Member/SPIL Member/Executive Director, Independent Living Center of Solano and Contra Costa County (ILCSCC)

Jose Solorzano – SILC Member/SPIL Member/PARS Specialist, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP)

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

Hector Ochoa – SPIL Member/California Resource Services (CRS-IL)

Anisa Escobedo – SILC Vice-Chair

Faustino Alvarez – Executive Director, Community Access Center (CAC)

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

Shapree Butler – Independent Living, Assistive Technology, and Traumatic Brain Injury Section (ILATS) Manager, DOR

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

Keith Miller – Executive Director, CALIF

Lana Nieves – Executive Director, Independent Living Resource Center – San Francisco

Carrie England – SILC Executive Director

Allison Viramontes-Nhan – SILC Legislative Specialist

Danielle Hess – SILC Office Manager

1. Public Comment

Ms. Escobedo reported that she is working as a consultant at Tri-County Independent Living, Inc. (TCIL), and the TCIL Expo will be held on Friday, September 25, 2025, at the Sequoia Conference Center. More information can be found on their website.

1. SILC Member Updates

Mr. Cruz reported that last week the California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Assistive Technology Conference was held in Orange County, and there was a lot of information on new devices being released.

1. Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2024, SPIL Committee Meeting

Mr. Cruz motioned for approval of the Draft Minutes from November 18, 2024, and Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. This passed unanimously through a roll call vote, with Mr. Ochoa not available during the vote.

1. 2025-2027 SPIL Updates
   1. SPIL Workgroups

Ms. England reported that the SPIL Funding Formula and Equity Workgroup has restarted their work in line with the 2025-2027 SPIL, and has a meeting scheduled at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 17. All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to join.

* 1. DOR Updates
     1. Transition and Diversion Information

Because invoiced amounts always come up short of the encumbered amount, there has been $254,895 encumbered and $64,391 invoiced out of the $238,943 authorized for this grant. There are 21 grants for this fund executed, with 67 standard diversions, one youth diversion, and one youth transition. There are 28 people on the waitlist.

* + 1. Systems Change Information

California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) was awarded an extension through January 31, 2025, to allow for continuity of service during the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, for a total of $116,667. The remainder of the Federal Fiscal Year, through September 30, 2025, has been awarded to the Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL) for a total of $233,333. They will also cover the two remaining years of the SPIL, with the option for two one-year extensions at DOR’s approval.

DOR is working closely with MCIL on the transition of Systems Change work.

* + 1. Tier Augmentation Updates

Six grants, with amounts ranging from $43,000 to $291,000, have been awarded to Community Resources for Independent Living, Inc. (CRIL), Disabled Resource Center, Inc. (DRC), FREED Center for Independent Living, Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL), Service Center for Independent Life (SCIL), and Tri-County Independent Living, Inc. (TCIL). Reported priorities include successfully transitioning consumers, maintaining a list of affordable housing options, and offering weekly classes on a variety of topics based on client needs.

Ms. Burns asked about the relatively low percentage invoiced of the total amount for this time in the fiscal year, and Ms. Butler has been in contact with the centers that have invoiced lower than would be expected. At least some of this lower amount is because of unexpected administrative delays with the disbursement of funds.

* + 1. Remaining Funds from Prior Years Grant

Ms. England reported that there is approximately $3,808.48 in fiscal year 2024 funds left remaining from the SPIL Title VIIB Funds. The SILC can direct these funds to be used for any of the current SPIL projects during FY2025, and the Transition and Diversion fund is the easiest administratively because it does not require amendment to a contract.

Mr. Solorzano motioned that upon final confirmation of the amount of remaining funds, the $3,808.48 remaining from the FY2024 Title VIIB Funds will be allocated to the FY2025 Transition and Diversion Fund, and Mr. Cruz seconded the motion. This passed unanimously through a roll call vote with Mr. Ochoa not available at the time of the vote.

* + 1. Other DOR IL Program Updates

The Staff Services Manager II application period for the Chief of the Independent Living, Assistive Technology, and Traumatic Brain Injury Section (ILATS) position has closed, and they hope to appoint someone by the end of April.

They are actively interviewing candidates for the Deputy Director of Independent Living, but this position is appointed by the Governor and the process is expected to take longer. Ms. England confirmed that she will be on the second interview panel for those candidates.

1. Summary of Activities Requiring Follow-Up at Next Meeting
   1. Next Meeting April 21, 2025

April SPIL Committee Meeting canceled in Favor of the SILC Full Council Meeting in April. The SPIL Committee will meet in May at their regularly scheduled time on May 19, 2025.

1. Adjourn