

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

June 4, 2020

Meeting Held Via Zoom

Face to face meetings have been postponed due to the Coronavirus disease 2019/COVID 19 outbreak.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Eschenbaum, Patty Kuglitsch, Ronda Williams, Mark Sternhagen, Kyrsten Zimmerman, Eric Weiss, Alan Adel, Jackie Juhala, Catherine Greseth, Tasha Jones, David Scherer, Mark Koterwski, and Syndee Jundt. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ben Wolf Necklace, Kathy Rutten and Jen Red Bear. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Matt Cain, Jennifer Lewis, Crystal Hebring, CJ Moit, Roger Bowie and Colette Wagoner. Interpreters were Julie Paluch and Rick Norris.

OPENING ACTIONS: Welcome and Introductions: Craig called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He welcomed everyone and asked him or her to introduce themselves. Mark K spoke to using the mute feature as well as members pausing during discussions allowing the interpreters to switch positions every 15/20 minutes. REVIEW OF VOTING PROCESS: Craig reminded members that any items requiring action that voting would be taken by roll call. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Craig asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS DISTRIBUTED, MADE (M), SECONDED (S) AND CARRIED (C).** YEAS – Mark K, Kyrsten, Dave, Catherine, Mark S, Alan, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS - None. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2020 MINUTES – Craig asked for any changes to the draft March minutes, hearing none, **MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH MEETING MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED, MSC.** YEAS – Mark K, Kyrsten, Dave, Catherine, Mark S, Alan, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS - None. APPROVAL OF MAY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – Craig called for any changes to the draft minutes from the Executive Committee meeting. Hearing none – **MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY MEETING MINUTES AS MAILED – MSC.** YEAS - Mark K, Kyrsten, Dave, Catherine, Mark S, Alan, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS - None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: At this time, Craig invited public comments. Roger, CJ and Crystal were recognized as new members whose terms are effective July 1. They were invited to participate with today's meeting as an introduction to the SILC, members, meeting, and agenda topics. He thanked members and new members for their participation today and explained this is the first time utilizing ZOOM to host a meeting. He reminded everyone of the upcoming 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, noting the importance of this legislation to the disability community. He spoke of the loss of a VR counselor, Mary Lesselyoung who worked in the Spearfish office since the early 90's. He recognized her work as a

counselor and that this will be great loss for the Division. Mark S announced that he wrote a children's book "Sandy and Me" which is about a boy growing up and his best friend Sandy, it is now available. This is the second book he has published. The books can be found online at <http://www.sandy-me.com/>. Mark shared the loss of Brookings community member over the weekend; this person was an individual with a disability and developed the "What If It Was Me" campaign to increase disability awareness. Mark stated the Brookings Committee for People with Disabilities would utilize a logo created by this individual with the upcoming ADA anniversary events to heighten awareness and offered to share the logo with anyone interested. The jpeg has been inserted below.



EXECUTIVE SESSION: Craig asked if there was any need for the SILC to hold an executive session. Staff explained this is a standing agenda item that the SILC could utilize if there is a need for closed discussion to address any matter(s) that is sensitive/private or confidential. Hearing no need for this item at this time, he moved the agenda.

STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL): Colette explained the following about the SPIL. Title VII, Chapter 1 of the Rehabilitation Act establishes independent living services and Centers for Independent Living programs. The Independent Living Services Program makes funding available to states for providing, expanding and improving the provision of IL services. It was explained that each state must submit an approvable three year State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in order to receive funding. The SILC is the entity responsible for developing the SPIL after receiving public input. Staff referred to the instruction guide and template, which is utilized in developing the SPIL. The SPIL contains various sections to include narrative sections describing IL objectives, services, activities, and operational details, and assurances.

Staff explained that the SPIL workgroup has met on a regular basis to work on content of the SPIL. Workgroup members include Craig, Patty, Mark S, Alan, Jen, Eric, Matt, Jennifer and Colette. The SPIL requires signatures from the SILC Chairperson, Designated State Entity (Division of Rehabilitation Services Director) and both Centers for Independent Living directors (Jen Red Bear and Matt Cain) prior to submission. The different methods of obtaining public input were discussed (dissemination of a survey,

public forum, written comment as well as posting the SPIL on the Division's website for public review/input). The SPIL outlines the goals, objectives and activities and who is responsible for carrying out identified activities.

The draft SPIL document was disseminated to the SILC for review prior to the meeting. The SPIL must be submitted prior to June 30 to the Administration of Community Living. Patty noted this was a challenging task and that the workgroup agreed upon measurable goals, objectives and activities. She stated she thought things looked good. Eric noted that the SILC, Division as well as the CILs each have a stake in accomplishing the work laid out in the SPIL, as it is an undertaking for all involved. Matt asked a question about the Home Modifications and Assistive Devices (HMAD) Program and if the limit of \$5,000 was increased. The Division's response was yes this limit would be raised to \$10,000. This program requires a financial needs test and it establishes a maximum financial assistance threshold for the client's lifetime. The needs test takes into account the individual's income and resources, and is applied uniformly to all individuals requesting this service (situations may occur where there are unique and unusual circumstances that warrant special consideration). The Division's IL Specialist reviews and approves requests for projects that costs over this amount.

There was discussion about the submittal of the SPIL and need for minor editing prior to the submission. Since the SILC does not meet again until September, staff is seeking action from the SILC today. SILC staff reported that a member provided grammatical edits this morning prior to the meeting and need to be incorporated. Staff will forward the signature pages to SILC Chair, CIL directors as well as the DSE. The signature pages will be collected and submitted with the SPIL to ACL. There was consensus to move forward with approving the SPIL noting the need for the workgroup to make final edits to the document – **MOTION TO APPROVE THE STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SPIL WORKGROUP WILL MAKE MINOR EDITS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY LIVING, MSC.** YEAS - Mark K, Kyrsten, Dave, Catherine, Mark S, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS – Alan.

DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES REPORT: Jennifer provided this report and noted that members received this information prior to the meeting. Consumer Satisfaction Survey Report: The reporting period was June 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020, with a statewide response rate of 31.54%. This period includes the COVID-19 pandemic, which had very limited in person contact. Comments reflect majority of participants feel that because of IL services they are living more independently; majority of responses were strongly agree or agree. The majority of participants are satisfied with services, choices, and would refer others for IL services. Written comments were positive and individuals liked the services received (i.e., staff were

available, liked the services, and quick response time). Jennifer noted that the survey questions would be updated to reflect information to be collected per the new goals and objectives once the SPIL is approved.

Status of CIL Contracts: the reporting period is for June 2019 – April 2020 (11 months of the contract year completed). The percent of billable units show both CILS have either completed the expected goal or are at 97% completion. Final figures will be available at the September meeting and will include HMAD expenditures. Updates will be made to this handout and will be forwarded to SILC staff for dissemination.

Independent Living Fund Sources: handout shows funds each CIL receives from the Administration of Community Living as Part C funds and funds through the Division's contracts (Part B, SSA reimbursement and VR Title I funds). This handout does not include the COVID-19 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds that the state received. A comment was made that these funds have been made available to the CILs and need to be obligated by September 30, 2021. Jennifer will update the handout and send to SILC staff for dissemination. Jennifer explained that Part C funds come directly from ACL to the CILs; Part B funds, Social Security Reimbursement, HMAD funds come from the Division. Eric noted that VR Title I funds are utilized to support SILC operational activities which is allowable under the Rehabilitation Act; and there is a 10% match requirement for Part B funds.

CIL Quarterly Reports: these reports provide information on progress towards accomplishing the SPIL goals and it provides a summary or description of events or activities that CILs have participated in or conducted. These reports will be updated once the new SPIL is approved. This report outlines activities completed from December 2019 through February 2020. ILC and WRIL were active with all areas through February noting that things slowed down in March due to COVID-19. Majority of WRIL staff were not working in their offices during March/April timeframe and now staff are transitioning back to offices. Some staff are housed in stand-alone offices, which simplifies things. ILC staff were reporting to the office that was closed to walk in traffic. A question was asked whether the CILs were providing face-to-face services. Jennifer explained that WRIL was providing a mixture of services, through virtual/remote and electronic means. She thought staff have returned to their offices at this time. Matt responded that ILC had staff in the office(s) throughout the COVID-19 period. By mid-March, all face-to-face and group meetings were stopped; and as of May 18, ILC was providing face-to-face services with precautions. On June 1, ILC opened the doors to the public. Services are being provided as they have done so in the past with precautions (wearing masks, taking temperatures, ensuring individuals are not sick).

Alan reported that WRIL staff have been working in the office (Rapid City office shares office space with other businesses) so the door was locked to prevent walk ins. The satellite offices are stand-alone which allowed staff to go into their offices and keep doors locked. WRIL staff have met with participants face to face with precautions as well.

DIVISION OF SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (SBVI)

REPORT: Ronda reported that staff were working from home since mid-March and are now making the transition back to their offices. Meetings were held throughout this period to discuss the provision of services. Staff were in contact with each other almost daily, especially with the rehabilitation teachers (who typically provide in home services). Staff utilized telephone, Microsoft teams, Zoom, and other social media platforms to communicate with clients. Work continued with intakes, sending out applications for services, follow-up services, and making referrals to other agencies. Sandy Neyhart, SBVI's IL Specialist, has been working closely with other states to learn about best practices during COVID-19; SD seems to be doing very well in comparison. Work continued with the CCTV program and making referrals to DakotaLink staff; who provide equipment delivery and set up within the client's home. Consumers were pleased with DakotaLink staff, precautions taken and the provision of services. Assistive Technology Access Project received three referrals. This service provides training to clients on the use of technology. The Division had three long-term staff retire (Chelle Hart, Julianne Arient-Rollman and Alan Vandenberg). This is over 70+ years of knowledge and history of SBVI's programs and services; the Division is losing a valuable skill base and they will be greatly missed. Alan agreed to remain on the Board of SBVI for one more year in the role as a VR counselor.

BOARD OF SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED REPORT:

Catherine reported that the Board of SBVI met on Friday, March 13 in Pierre prior to the start of COVID-19 and restrictions that were put in place. Time was spent reviewing the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Unified State Plan and the Division's section of the plan. The State Plan was submitted on February 28 and now the Division is waiting for RSA's review and approval. The SBVI's section is available and located on the Division's website for review. The Division is working with the Bureau of Information and Technology to work with the R911 reporting system utilized by the VR agencies to align data reporting requirements with the Department of Labor and Regulation. The Board has two members who are terming off and they are waiting for appointments by the Governor. The Board approved funding in support of the 2020 NDEAM events. Communities are trying to plan NDEAM activities, but it is difficult in the midst of COVID-19. Some communities might host virtual events there are still a lot of unknowns at this point. The Board has members who participated on the NDEAM review committee and the Governor's Awards workgroup. The Board's next meeting will be held June 5.

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CIL UPDATES: Western Resources for Independent Living (WRIL): As Alan explained earlier, Jen is ill and unable to participate in the meeting. No report was provided. Independent Living Choices: Matt explained that staff has been working from their offices the entire time. ILC has approximately 110 Certified Nursing Assistants/Personal Attendants, 30+ office staff, serving anywhere from 2400-2500 participants and to date only one person become ill with COVID-19. Services were down, ILC tried to provide peer support in different manners, as it was a high need. He is hearing from staff that they feel safe now, as they have started meeting with people face-to-face and using precautions. Personal attendants have been remarkable throughout this process. ILC provided attendants with a bonus in their April check for hours worked during COVID-19; over 80% of the attendants met the bonus criteria. Matt reported that ILC received the CARES Act funds, which is approximately \$695,000. ILC is trying to identify how these funds can be spent. Again, funds need to be spent by September 30, 2021. ILC has hired new staff; one person was hired for the Martin office, which will now have two staff members. The main office lost Sarah Rasmussen who moved to Chamberlain; Ryan Thompson will replace her. ILC also has two new board members: Tom Johnson and Lyle Cook. Matt reminded members that ILC's annual Harley raffle is underway, with the winner being drawn on July 31. Tickets can be purchased on line through their website.

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (BVR) REPORT: Eric provided this report explaining that the BVR is the advisory council to the Division. The BVR met on March 5 in Rapid City. They had presentations from the Rapid City Project SEARCH site, DakotaLink, Career Learning Center/Adult Education/Adult Students with Disabilities, Workforce Diversity Network of the Black Hills in addition to their standing agenda items. The Division received the Board's approval on the draft state plan, which was submitted as a section of the Workforce Opportunity Investment Act Unified State Plan. Approval is expected in July from Rehabilitation Services Administration. The next meeting is June 25 and will be held via Zoom. Agenda items will include Post-Secondary Outcomes/Indicator 14 Survey Results, VR Initiatives, update on a case file review and election of officers. New members have been appointed (Vicki Kerkvliet, Jonathan Englund and Jennifer Trenhaile) and their terms will begin July 1. He also identified the outgoing members: Kendra Gottsleben, Colleen Moran, Kim Ludwig, Lisa Sanderson, and Kristi Eisenbraun.

SILC NOMINATIONS: SILC staff provided an update on the SILC nominations. Five nominations were received as a result of the statewide solicitation. The nominations were forwarded to the Governor for her review, consideration and action. Two SILC members were reappointed (Mark Koterwski and Ben Wolf Necklace) in addition to

receiving three new appointments (Crystal Hebring, Roger Bowie, and CJ Moit). Reappointments and new appointee's terms are effective July 1st. As of this date, the SILC will have 15 members of which nine individuals are persons with disabilities. The SILC Chairperson extended an invitation to the new appointees to participate in today's meeting if they were able to do so.

WORKGROUP REPORTS: Consumer Services Workgroup: Ronda reported the workgroup has not met since March. She explained that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ILC and WRIL was finalized and approved to establish procedures in the provision of statewide independent living services. The workgroup created a "Centers for Independent Living Referral Form, DHS-IL-315" and an "Authorization of IL Client Choice" form. The workgroup included SILC members, CIL staff, as well as providing each center director the opportunity to provide input in the development of the forms. Ronda reviewed these items briefly. The forms highlight consumer choice of which CIL to provide services, which may be a CIL outside their specific geographic area, in addition to the CIL providing the services and understanding that transportation time beyond the designated territory will not be billed or paid. Language is also included that a CIL has the ability to decline service provision if it is not cost effective or would be a hardship for staffing purposes. Ronda noted that there is nothing specific that the workgroup is working on at this time. Members were encouraged to consider serving on this workgroup, as Jackie terms off and this leaves only Ronda on the workgroup.

Public Awareness /Outreach Workgroup: Catherine spoke about activities to heighten the understanding or knowledge about the IL service delivery system. There has been talk of handouts/brochures, use of radio announcements, or other social media platforms to get information out to the public. She noted that raising awareness of IL services should continue and utilizing different outlets should be considered. Comments have been made known that some individuals do not know about the CILs and what services are available. She noted that this committee also works on the Champion of IL award, which will be reported later during the meeting. Catherine and Kyrsten serve on this committee with Craig terming off.

Advocacy/Interagency Collaboration Workgroup: Tasha reported that Mark K and Syndee serve with her on this workgroup. They have not met recently. Tasha was not able to attend the last SILC meeting, SILC staff reported on Tasha's behalf. Tasha attempted to reach DOT staff to obtain information on public transportation and identified barriers. She learned that DOT conducted public hearings on their State Plan and no survey was conducted. She identified DOT's State plan and reviewed the information, but it did not provide helpful information. She thought the SILC might want to consider developing a survey of transit users or potential users to try to identify barriers or issues impacting people with disabilities and the use of public

transportation. Tasha asked if a current listing of the workgroups and assigned tasks could be disseminated to the full SILC. Members could review the listing and identify a workgroup they would be interested in serving on. There was no other new information to report at this time.

Assistive Technology/Home Modifications Assistive Devices Workgroup: Dave reported the workgroup has met twice since the March meeting. The workgroup has had lengthy discussions on COVID-19, social isolation/loneliness for the disability and elderly populations, working remotely, service delivery models, all challenges that the CILs are facing. The workgroup identified a report that was prepared in 2015 on using technology to improve community living opportunities for people with disabilities. The workgroup posed the question regarding the report and if it is time that the SILC revisit it in light of what is going on. The report should be reviewed and updated for the SILC's use. Alan noted that the CARES Act funds directed to the CILs is very specific and one allowable area is technology (for CIL staff and consumers). He asked the question of using these funds to develop a lending library for individuals to check out electronic devices. He noted issues surrounding "connectivity" and with South Dakota being such a rural state, this causes issues. Matt shared that ILC has been having discussions involving staff working remotely and the use of "One Talk" phone solution. This would allow staff to take the phone home and participants would be able to dial the office phone number and reach them. Patty noted challenges for individuals who are deaf, residents in nursing homes, isolation factors, lack of individuals who utilize sign language. Mark K reported that CSD has provided nursing home residents with iPad, but obtaining devices has been very slow, sometimes waiting six weeks or much longer. Outreach has been done with rehabilitation centers, assistive living centers, and nursing homes, to install a "visitation window". For example, creating a space on the first floor to facilitate a manner of visitation in respect to social distancing. Mark S made a comment about the use of computers, larger monitors, add webcams, which might offer a cheaper solution and be easier to obtain. Mark spoke to the isolation and suggested that it would be good to keep the conversation going - now that more people are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19 - individuals can relate to what persons with disabilities face on a daily basis. Jennifer Lewis reported DHS, DOH and DSS utilized funds to purchase iPad for residents of nursing homes to increase connectivity. This requires figuring out what type of device would work best for a specific individual. Roger explained what school districts are purchasing in terms of devices.

SILC Bylaws: Alan noted language from the Bylaws and the need for each member to serve on a workgroup. He encouraged members to review the workgroups, identify what fits for them vs. being assigned to a workgroup. Alan outlined the need to review the Bylaws for any needed changes; he is not making any recommendations today. He suggested waiting until the September meeting to discuss changes, which will also allow new members time to review information.

State Plan for Independent Living Workgroup: Staff noted that there was discussion from the last meeting about creating a workgroup to monitor SPIL activities. In looking at the current workgroup structure, the SPIL workgroup identifies language of working on the draft SPIL document as well as monitoring SPIL activity. Current members include Patty, Craig, Eric, Jen, Mark S, and Matt.

CHAMPION OF IL AWARD PROCESS: Catherine reported that the solicitation of nominations for the Champion of IL Award was disseminated in early May. She explained the purpose of the awards is to bring awareness and recognition of IL services. No nominations have been received to date; therefore, the workgroup extended the due date through June 26. Catherine encouraged everyone to consider nominating potential individuals or organizations who deserve to be recognized for their work/efforts in terms of IL services. Nominations would be reviewed at a later date, with a recipient being identified. Last year the SILC held an event to honor the recipient during their September meeting.

SILC POLICY “A PROCESS TO VERIFY CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING ARE ELIGIBLE TO SIGN THE STATE PLAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH 45 CFR 1329.17(d) (2) (iii)”. Staff reported the need for the SILC to have a policy or procedure in place to verify CILs eligible to sign the State Plan. She noted that this is outlined under the SPIL, Section 8 and the SILC Indicators. Staff discovered a draft policy that was tabled at the June 2018 meeting. **MOTION MADE TO HAVE THE SILC BYLAWS WORKGROUP REVIEW THIS POLICY AND BRING IT FORWARD TO THE SILC AT THEIR NEXT MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION.** Dialogue continued regarding the need for a workgroup to review what constitutes the process to verify a CIL is eligible to sign the SPIL (i.e., need to find examples or language of how the SILC will “verify”). **MSC.**

Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for Use by State Authority, Board Commission, and Committee Members: Eric disseminated a copy of this item to the full SILC as an informational item. He noted there is language under the Rehabilitation Act for both the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation and SILC about conflict of interest. This handout identifies what the state has established in terms of a set of minimum ethical principles and guidelines specific to contract restrictions, retaliation, and anti-harassment/discrimination. The bylaws/policy development workgroup will look at the need for “Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest Policy”. Again, this handout is informational only at this time. Patty agreed to join the Bylaws/Policy Development committee at this time.

SILC STAFF REPORT: Governors Awards Update: Colette reported that 34 nominations were received. These awards highlight and uplift individuals with

disabilities and employers who have hired people with disabilities. There is a workgroup comprised of BVR, BSBVI and SILC members who met on May 26 to review the nominations. The workgroup's recommendations were forwarded to the Division/Department requesting that the recommendations be forwarded to the Governor for final review and consideration. Some of the reviewers' comments included: this was a very difficult task; the number of nominations received has increased; nominators have been more diverse; and please ask nominators to submit a nominee again if their nominee is not chosen this year.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM): Twelve communities were approved for financial assistance to host events in October. Communities are continuing plans to host events to include identifying the speaker and related topics. It is very difficult to determine if face-to-face meetings will be held due to COVID-19 at this point. Some communities are visiting with speakers about plans to host the event virtually, if they cannot host the meeting face to face. Additional information will be shared once dates/locations are confirmed.

SILC Budget: the budget report sent to the SILC reflects the period of January 1 through April 30. Only one expenditure was under the meeting expense line item. The cost to purchase a Zoom account will be reflected under next month's expenditures. In addition, Dan Rounds contacted SILC Staff to report that the 2020 Youth Leadership Forum was cancelled. The SILC approved funding to support this event. If funds are needed for the 2021 YLF, a new financial assistance application will need to be completed. Alan asked about the SILC budget, specifically, the CIL staff training line item. He inquired about plans with the Fall Conference and if it will be held. This line item supports a number of CIL staff and attendance, and if it is cancelled, the funds will remain in the budget. Eric noted that plans are continuing with hosting this conference in Deadwood. If it is cancelled, some speakers have agreed to offer their sessions "virtually". Mark K referred to the Executive Committee and their May 7 meeting. The SILC paid organizational membership dues to the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities. The Coalition has since proposed to dissolve as an organization and the membership dues of \$100 were returned to the SILC. The Executive Committee made the decision to deposit the funds into the Strategic Planning fund line item.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Craig explained that the Executive Committee was bringing forth a slate of nominations for the four positions – Tasha and Mark S for Member-At-Large; Mark K for Vice Chairperson and Alan for Chairperson. The process began with Craig calling for further nominations for Member-At-Large, two times. Hearing None – **MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT TASHA AND MARK S. AS MEMBERS AT LARGE – MSC.** YEAS – Mark K, Kyrsten, Dave, Catherine, Alan, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS - None. ABSTAINED - Mark S. Craig then moved to calling for further nominations for Vice Chair, two times. Hearing none –

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT MARK K. AS VICE

CHAIRPERSON – MSC. YEAS – Kyrsten, Dave, Mark S, Catherine, Alan, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS - None. ABSTAINED - Mark K. Next, Craig moved to calling for further nominations for Chairperson, two times. Hearing none – **MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT ALAN AS CHAIR – MSC.** YEAS – Kyrsten, Dave, Mark S, Catherine, Mark K, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS - None. ABSTAINED - Alan. At this point, Craig handed over the meeting to Alan to continue with the meeting agenda.

HONORING OF OUTGOING MEMBERS: Eric recognized Craig, Dave, Jackie, and Kathy for their service and leadership, and thanked them on behalf of the entire SILC. Each will be presented with a piece of art from the Suzi Cappa Art Center in Rapid City. Alan also thanked each of the outgoing members for serving on the SILC and being an inspiration to others.

CLOSING ACTIONS: Future Agenda Items – New member orientation will be determined and the Champion of IL Award. Alan asked members to forward agenda items to staff. Scheduling of Next Meeting – will be held in September most likely via ZOOM. Staff will send out a Doodle poll with possible dates. Adjournment – Alan thanked everyone for his or her participation. **MOTION TO ADJOURN – MSC.** YEAS – Mark K, Kyrsten, Catherine, Mark S, Syndee, and Patty. NAYS – None. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30pm.