

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
March 5, 2026

Meeting Held Via Zoom/10:30 AM/Central Time

Members present: Ryan Groeneweg, Brett Glirbas, Kendra Gottsleben, and Matt Cain. Others present: Jennifer Lewis, DSE IL Specialist/SILC member, and Eric Weiss, Division of Rehabilitation Services/Designated State Entity Director, and Colette Wagoner, SILC staff.

The Executive Committee met to review and refine the draft agenda for the upcoming quarterly SILC meeting on March 25th. Initial agenda items were reviewed, and several were reordered for a better flow.

As part of the agenda updates, Jennifer's update related to the Centers for Independent Living (CIL) on-site reviews was moved earlier in the meeting. She will be prepared to share draft information because CIL directors have already received preliminary findings and are currently in the process of responding. Once their responses are incorporated, the reports will be finalized. The committee discussed that reviewing these draft findings early on the agenda will help provide context for later conversations about equity and service delivery across regions.

Ryan reviewed the agenda item titled "Follow Up – SILC Executive Committee Discussion from January 28th." He will provide an overview of that earlier meeting and outline the purpose of the continued discussion - specifically, to begin examining how Independent Living (IL) services are being delivered statewide by the two CILs, Independent Living Choices (ILC) and Western Resources for Independent Living (WRIL). He emphasized that the focus is on ensuring equitable IL service delivery across South Dakota, including the provision of core services, timely service delivery, funding structures, territorial challenges, and staffing patterns that may influence access.

The committee confirmed that a follow-up Executive Committee meeting will occur on April 9th, and Colette will send a reminder and Zoom link prior to the meeting.

Discussion shifted to the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) and the development of the 2028–2030 SPIL. The State Plan timeline was reviewed,

including drafting goals, objectives, and activities; preparing State Plan information for public input; obtaining approval by the SILC and CIL directors; and submitting the final State Plan to the Administration for Community Living by June 30, 2027. It was noted that public input will likely occur earlier, around March 2027, to allow adequate time to incorporate recommendations.

The committee discussed the need for more specific and measurable objectives, particularly those related to equity in service delivery and consistent performance expectations across providers. Members emphasized including performance detail that captures regional disparities, core service delivery consistency, and timelines.

The group also briefly discussed report review processes. Jennifer clarified that draft monitoring reports are always shared with the CILs first for review and comment prior to finalization. She also noted that each onsite review includes an exit interview with the CIL before the review team departs. This process ensures that providers have an opportunity to discuss findings and respond.

Colette agreed to revise the March 25 agenda based on the committee's conversation and to prepare a simplified Goals/Objectives document for Ryan and Eric to review before it is shared with the full SILC.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.