

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

June 11, 2024

Meeting Held Via Zoom

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DHS/DRS DHS Hillsview Plaza/Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Theresa Marzahn, Valere Beeck, Matt Cain, Ryan Groeneweg, Patty Kuglitsch, Brett Glirbas, Joe Vetch, CJ Moit, Tasha Jones, Eric Weiss, and Ronda Williams. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Syndee Jundt, Kendra Gottsleben, Richard Moeller, and Vicki Steffes. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Lewis, Codi Erickson, and Colette Wagoner. The interpreters were Julie Paluch and Alecia Barnes.

OPENING ACTIONS: Welcome & Introductory Comments: Ryan Groeneweg, SILC Chairperson, called the meeting to order and invited everyone to introduce themselves. Review and Approval of Agenda: Ryan asked if there were any changes/additions to the agenda. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS DISSEMINATED – MADE (M), SECONDED (S) AND CARRIED (C).** Yeas: Brett, Joe, Theresa, Patty, CJ, and Matt. NAYS: None. Review and approval of minutes: Ryan asked if there were any changes or additions to the two sets of meeting minutes, there were none. **MOTION TO APPROVE BOTH SETS OF MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED TO INCLUDE THE SILC MARCH 19TH MEETING MINUTES, AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM MAY 14TH, MSC.** Yeas: Brett, Joe, Theresa, Patty, CJ, and Matt. NAYS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ryan invited public comment. This is a standing agenda item at each meeting allowing members of the public to address the SILC. There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: This is also a standing agenda, utilized if needed for the SILC to have a closed discussion to address any matter(s) that is sensitive/private or confidential. Hearing no need, Ryan moved the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (DRS) REPORT, INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL) SPECIALIST UPDATE: Consumer Satisfaction Survey Report: Jennifer explained that the SILC developed four rating questions and the narrative questions for the CILs to ask each participant to respond to at the time of closure to gauge consumer satisfaction. Closures include successful and unsuccessful closed cases. Unsuccessful closures include those who the CIL cannot reach, participant(s) moved, or did not complete services.

A summary report was provided for the period of June 1, 2023, through March 30, 2024. The response rate for the time period statewide was 28.06%. Responses to the four questions are positive (i.e., satisfied with services, choices of services). Jennifer continued with the narrative questions of the survey and received responses. Overall, the responses are positive for both CILs. The comments include prompt, helpful and courteous staff, feeling safe/no fear of falling/grateful for devices, ability to get out of the home, able to shower, the in-home visits, feelings of being heard (I mattered, I was important, listened too, my needs were important). The other narrative question asked what was the least helpful in experiences with IL services and comments included: nothing/everything was helpful, do not like the necklace (emergency response system), waiting time for stair lift, device went off accidentally while sleeping/pushed button again for false alarm, short visit time with staff.

A question was asked if there is space for an individual to provide information in order for staff to follow up with an identified need. The survey is anonymous; however, there is space that would allow an individual to provide information for someone to follow up with them. Codi responded that WRIL has incorporated a spot on the survey in order for participants to add their name/contact information for follow up. Comments followed that supported the survey instrument to include information/space for the participant to add follow up information if they choose to do so.

Status of CIL Contracts: This report shows the status of contracts between the Division and the CILs for 11 months of the state fiscal year, which is 91.67% completed. The report shows that both CILs are expected to exceed their contracts. The report identifies the total amount of Part C funds (funds from the Administration for Community Living to the CILs) and Part B funds (monies from ACL to the Division, and then utilized in contracts with the CILs). The state fiscal year is June 1, 2023, through May 30, 2024. Jennifer reported the contract year is finished and both CILs exceeded their contract and provided the needed service units.

Independent Living Choices (ILC) Quarterly Report for the time period of January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024. ILC provided services in all core service areas. The total number of hours provided this quarter was 2357.75 to a total of 1478 individuals. The number of individuals receiving Home Modifications and Assistive Devices (HMAD) this quarter was 323, assistive devices/26 and housing services/85. Total new applicants this quarter was 310 with 64 new applicants under the age of 25.

ILC staff participated in or organized activities with agencies, i.e., Mobridge Clerk/Zoning Officer, Center of Hope, Right At Home, Helpline, vaccine coordinators, Indian Health Services, Circle of Life Home Care, Horizon Health Care, facilities in Arlington, Huron, Redfield, Standing Rock, Bowdle, Flandreau, and more. There was good outreach and sharing of information. Participants identify medical personnel for learning about services as the highest identified category (family member/friends was

2nd). There were no participants electing to complete the IL services referral form. ILC conducted activities with schools, visiting one on one with school staff and students in their coverage area. Staff participated in Transition Services Liaison Project (TSLP) events, "Catch the College Wave". Staff attended various meetings where housing or transportation was the focus in at least 7 communities in addition to other meetings where systems advocacy activities were addressed. ILC staff training activities were identified. The report identified a staff opening in the Mobridge office.

Western Resources for Independent Living (WRIL) Quarterly Report for January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024: Services were provided in the majority of core services areas, except for nursing home transitions. The total number of hours of services provided this quarter was 577.50 for a total of 450 individuals. Fourteen individuals received HMAD, 50 received assistive devices and 68 received housing services. There was a total of 69 new applicants this quarter with 46 under the age of 25. A total of 234 individuals served this quarter.

WRIL staff participated in events this quarter in Pierre, Rapid City and Box Elder. There was outreach and information shared in various communities in the coverage area. Participants primarily learned of services through family members/friends. Outreach was conducted with school districts in Box Elder, Pierre, and Newel; and with Long Term Care Facility/Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Facilities in Rapid City, Kadoka, Phillip, Murdo, and Bison. Staff participated in a Disability Awareness/Accessibility meeting in Rapid City (discussion was accessible housing). Staff participated in training (CSR and ILRU training). WRIL is recruiting two part-time positions.

IL Funding Sources: Budget pages for SFY's 2024 and 2025 Funding Sources were disseminated prior to the meeting. The budget pages outline the funding sources utilized to support IL services in the state (Part C, Part B, Social Security Reimbursement Funds (SSA), and other state funds). Columns displayed funds from the Division including Part B Funds, Part B match, SSA funds and the Ramp Project monies. Part C funds are based on the federal year of October 1st through the end of September, and Part B funds are based upon the state fiscal year of June 1st through the end of May. The pages also identify Part B funds utilized in the SILC's resource plan to support SILC member travel, SILC meeting expenses, SILC's strategic planning and CIL staff training.

Jennifer spoke to the SFY 2025 Funding Chart. The chart shows the amount of Part C grant funds coming to each CIL directly from ACL. She reported that ILC and WRIL both elected to utilize the full 15% set aside for the HMAD Program. These funds are utilized to support the expenses involved with home modifications (bathroom remodel, lowering cabinets, widening doorways) and the purchase of adaptive devices. The HMAD amount is determined by taking 15% of the amount of Part C funds and the total

amount of the state contract awarded to each CIL. Each CIL determines the percentage, up to 15%. Jennifer spoke to the state funds listed in the chart. The Division is required to provide a 10% match for the Part B funds. The Division also elects to utilize other state funds and Social Security Reimbursement funds to support IL services. The Social Security Administration funds the

The amounts under the Ramps column was left blank on the SFY 2025 report. This is additional money provided to each CIL to utilize to purchase ramps for participants. The CILs help determine this amount based upon what they expect to need and expend in a year's time. The Ramps' funding scope was expanded to include costs related to home modifications (ramps, widening doorways, ADA toilets, installing grab bars) not assistive devices. It was reported that under the Ramps column, ILC will receive \$500,000 and WRIL will receive \$100,000.

Jennifer provided information regarding the CIL contract development, explaining that conversations start early in the year with the CILs. She posed the question that if the Division had available funds, what/how the funding would be utilized by the CILs. Discussion included ramp funding, how much each CIL could utilize and expend in the coming fiscal year. Discussion also included the ability to expand the scope of the ramp project and whether the CILs could utilize funds on home modifications. This was allowed and each CIL received additional funds under the Ramp Grants.

Jennifer explained that the Division provides over \$600,000 of additional funding to support IL services, above the required Part B 10% match of state funds. Funds from the Social Security Reimbursement Funds are earned through the Ticket to Work Program. Ticket to Work revenues are earned by the Division by assisting Social Security Beneficiaries with obtaining employment. The Rehabilitation Act allows the Division to utilize these monies to support either VR or IL services. The Division and the SPIL support a strong IL delivery system.

The calculation of the service unit rate and how the CILs earn their state contract funds was touched on. This will be covered in more detail at the next meeting. Eric spoke to the Part C and Part B grant funds have been level funded the past few years and have not kept up with inflation, which is unfortunate. He spoke about the Division's ability to provide support to the IL service delivery, with the ramps and home modifications, but noted this is not a guarantee for future years.

CIL Onsite Reviews: Jennifer spoke to the onsite reviews conducted with each CIL in March. Jennifer and several DRS staff were reviewers. A total of 133 cases were reviewed at WRIL. Highlights from WRIL's review included 7.5% of the cases received HMAD services, 27% received a Telecommunication Adaptive Device and the average number of days a case was open was 630 days. There were 247 total closed cases with 134 cases closed with goals met. There was a question from the previous SILC

meeting regarding the consumer satisfaction survey low response rate from WRIL. Jennifer spoke to a few items that could impact this; examples offered could include a delay in the response to consumers after applying for services; participants were contacted on average 3 weeks to 30 days after application. The Division would like to see a shorter time span for follow up (7 – 10 days), keeping in mind that services might be vital to keeping a person out of a facility. Another area included documenting eligibility and completing the forms correctly. The Division will look more closely at the reasons for closure (successful, unsuccessful) to ensure coding is utilized consistently statewide. She reviewed several reviewer comments and suggestions.

ILC Onsite Review: A total of 177 cases were reviewed; of which a total of 37% of these cases received HMAD services, and 40.68% of the cases received a Telecommunication Adaptive Device and the average number of days a case was open was 245 days. There was a total of 403 cases closed and 296 cases with goals met. In terms of documentation, things looked good. There were no findings or trends discovered in looking at eligibility information. There were cases where the financial need form was completed when it was not necessary. Documentation also showed good collaboration with other resources, minimal delays in services, delays that were reviewed were mostly due to outside vendors/providers. Discussion with ILC staff included completing the release of information form and identifying each person by name.

CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CILs) UPDATES: ILC: Matt stated he is involved with CILs across the nation and is familiar with budgets and funding streams. Matt expressed his appreciation of the extra funding support provided by the Division for IL service delivery, knowing that CILs in other states are not as fortunate. ILC is hosting the annual Motorcycle Raffle again offering an Indian Motorcycle. Raffle tickets are available online through ILC's website (<https://www.ilcchoices.org/>) and the hope is to finalize the raffle in August.

Last fiscal year ILC spent \$1.2 million on HMAD and compared it to current year expenditures (October – May) and ILC has already spent \$803,000. ILC utilizes private funds raised to support HMAD and other activities. He estimates that project expenditures will be around \$1.4 million this year. ILC is conducting summer Transition Camps in all 9 locations. Sioux Falls held a transition camp last week and 10 students attended. Camps held/will be held will be located in Watertown, Martin, Mitchell, Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Mobridge, and Yankton. The camps offer IL skills training, self-help, budgeting, applying for employment, interviewing, housing, fire safety, and activities. He spoke about the benefits of offering the Transition Camps, not only for the students (ages 14-21) but also for parents. It also provides staff with a change in routine.

Matt spoke to the number of individuals served to date for the time period of October through the end of May is 1770. ILC is a provider for Home Again, Money Follows the Person, and ILC provides services to those exiting from institutions. He referenced the state contract with the Part B funds was finalized May 30th, and all funds were exhausted. The Part C grant funds, awarded October 1, have been exhausted as well. Part C funds are drawn down on a reimbursement basis with indirect costs built in. He was happy with the turnout of the Division's onsite review, resulting in no major findings. ILC also had a review of the ADLS program which was spotless. ILC also completed its audit with no significant findings.

WRIL: Cody spoke to the onsite review conducted with Division staff in March. Cody explained that a number of trips were made to Pierre in order to move the office and oversee needed remodeling. The office is located on Euclid Avenue and open to the public. WRIL heard last month that the Program Performance Report (PPR) was approved. Last federal fiscal year WRIL served a total of 484 individuals with 236 goals completed. The larger age groups served included 20-year-old and older and the second group includes the 60 and older age group. Requests have been made for assistive devices and home modifications. The largest service area is Pennington County, but services are offered across the coverage area. Advocacy and Information and Referral were the highest needed areas. Cody noted that WRIL has become the "go to" agency for providing individuals with assistance involved with Social Security benefits. WRIL lost staff who were new hires. WRIL is at full staff now except for an administrative staff. There is a temporary staff person filling in until a person is hired. WRIL completed the state contract and exhausted all funds. WRIL is planning to complete the current state contract as well, providing all service units.

WRIL will be participating with the Rapid City's Disability Awareness and Accessibility Committee with the Disability Resource Fair (formerly the ADA picnic) to be held on July 26th. The picnic will be held downtown in Rapid City at the Main Street Square. WRIL is hosting a peer support group with a school district and is working on efforts to start more. WRIL is discussing fundraising events and hoping to have an event in the fall.

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (BVR) UPDATE: Eric explained that the BVR is the advisory board to the VR agency which provides services to individuals with disabilities seeking employment. This is a standing agenda item for the SILC. Board responsibilities include advising the Division on the performance of the VR program, developing goals and strategies (work on the VR State Plan), and analyzing consumer satisfaction of services. The last meeting was March 6th and agenda items included a new member orientation, updates on VR program initiatives, and an update on performance measures. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 25th. The June meeting will include an update on the Division's Outreach Campaign and an update on the Post Secondary Outcomes Survey Results/Indicator 14, annual survey

of students with disabilities who have exited school. Eric talked about the State's Boards/Commissions portal and how to find information for the Statewide Independent Living Council and the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation. This website can be found at: <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/>.

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

UPDATE: Ronda spoke to the Division's IL Older Blind Program, noting the Division has rehabilitation teachers located in various offices across the state. Rehabilitation teachers work with individuals one on one, typically in the person's home. Services include the provision of devices and training on how to utilize the devices, independent living skills training, orientation and mobility training, information and referral, and peer support services. Services are specific to the individual's needs and what they want to learn in their home, which assists them with living as independently as possible. Outreach is being conducted to identify individuals needing services, staff are meeting with community health workers, Rotary Clubs, and other groups. SBVI staff also participated in a listening session in Kyle hosted by Disability Rights SD.

The Division operates a Closed-Circuit TV (CCTV) program. The Division provides CCTVs to individuals needing this device, which assists individuals with low vision to read printed materials. The Division has a total of 204 machines with 20 available. There is no waiting list for this program. Peer support is becoming more active around the state following COVID.

The Rehabilitation Center for the Blind is located in Sioux Falls. The Center provides more intense skills of blindness training. There is also a focus on employment skills. The Center held its annual transition week, a summer camp for teens with vision loss which involves IL skills training, blindness training, and social activities.

The Division is preparing for its all-staff training in July. Training will include counseling techniques, how to support individuals who are experiencing blindness, deaf blindness information, orientation and mobility training, team building and other activities. In terms of staffing, Gaye Mattke, Division Director retired June 6th after 34 years with SBVI. Tom Martinec was appointed acting director. Tom is the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Human Services. Ronda noted that the Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired will meet on June 14th. An update will be provided at the next SILC meeting. There are 7 vacancies on the Board, and the Division is waiting to hear about appointments and reappointments from the Governor's office.

DRAFT STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL) 2025-2027: The SILC has worked on the SPIL for a number of months. The SPIL has been an evolving document described as a work in progress. The SILC followed the SPIL instructions in terms of the development process and steps to finalize it. Staff noted examples, i.e., the SPIL was approved at the December 2023 meeting: work on scheduling the public meeting,

providing public notice/advertising, and disseminating the draft SPIL. The public meeting was held February 22nd, 2024, public input/comments were reviewed, resulting in no changes to SPIL. During the March 2024 meeting, the SILC approved the SPIL in order to enter information into the portal. In April, the SPIL was posted again on Boards/commissions portal, Facebook page, and disseminated via email to individuals with disabilities and disability related organizations for comment prior to submission. Staff explained that it would be good business practice to document in the minutes SILC action on the SPIL. After discussion and no further comments provided on the SPIL document, **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHAIRPERSON SIGNING THE SPIL, RECOGNIZING THAT THE CHAIRPERSON IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF AND AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SILC, MSC.** Yeas: Brett, Joe, Val, Patty, CJ, and Matt. NAYS: None.

Following this, staff displayed the SPIL portal for members to view. Staff walked members through the process to finalize the SPIL and send it out for signatures for the DSE representative, CIL directors and SILC Chairperson. Staff noted the portal will send emails to the CIL directors, DSE director and Chairperson to log on and sign in their respective spots.

CURRENT STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL): Staff spoke of the need to evaluate the effectiveness of the SPIL including timelines and the evaluation of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities. This includes reviewing the results of the CIL's client satisfaction surveys. Evaluation efforts also include measuring how well activities in the plan are making progress in achieving the objectives, goals, and mission of the State Plan. A periodic review of the goals/objectives allows the SILC to determine if something needs to be adjusted, done differently, or consider a need for a change, to ensure work is carrying out the mission of the SPIL.

The work assigned to the SILC in terms of monitoring progress towards accomplishing goals is not about asking members to do more, as SILC are volunteer members. However, members are attending meetings, events, and other activities through work and other daily life activities. These might be meetings that involve disability related topics that tie into the IL arena, i.e., housing, transportation, employment, education, and more.

This ties into the SPIL Activities Reporting Form -a tracking form which the SILC developed this 2020 to obtain information from members about work conducted in the areas of the objectives and activities. The form is disseminated to SILC members as a reminder to send staff information about activities or events that members attended or were involved with. Members do not have to utilize the form; information can be emailed to staff. This information is recorded and also entered into the Program Performance Report (PPR). Members are encouraged to speak about events that they have attended; share information learned (i.e., new service, a change in a service, or

an issue that might impact IL). This could lead to a discussion of what works, what does not, and possibly what could be improved upon. This form will be updated to reflect the new goals and objectives of the State Plan, once approved.

SILC Individual Training Plan/Redrafted Form: The State Plan instructions speak to the indicators or the policies/procedures that the SILC must have. This includes the SILC maintaining individual training plans for members. The SILC drafted and approved the use of the Individual Training Plan in 2020. SILC members are asked to complete this form on an annual basis and to identify 3 areas that would benefit them in their role as a SILC member. The Training Plan includes charts which contain sites and listings of IL related recorded sessions or webinars. SILC members are asked to identify areas/topics that they are interested in learning more about. Members can also add topics they want to learn more about. This fits with the language in the Rehabilitation Act regarding composition requirements seeking members who are knowledgeable about CILs and IL services. This form could help identify a training need which could lead to having a topic presented during a SILC meeting. Ryan spoke about a training offered by ILRU that he will participate in tomorrow. He included positive comments about ILRU's training and the convenience of adding these to his calendar.

The Training Plan was reviewed and updated, the draft reflects newer training modules or series. Staff sought the SILC's support of the updated Individual Training Plan.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING PLAN, MSC. Yeas: Brett, Joe, Theresa, Val, Patty, CJ, and Matt. NAYS: None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Ryan passed the gavel to Eric, asking him to speak on behalf of the Executive Committee. Eric spoke about the committee's discussion and review of current members in terms of appointments/reappointments, eligibility, and interest of members to serve. The SILC's officer positions consist of Chair, Vice Chair, and two (2) Members At Large.

Eric outlined the proposed slate as Brett and Kendra/Members At Large, Matt/Vice Chair, and Ryan/Chair. All have indicated an interest in serving as an officer, if elected. He emphasized that nominations can be made from the floor, noting that each position will be taken one at a time.

Eric started with the position of Chairperson. He called for further nominations for the Chair position in addition to Ryan's name, two times. Hearing none – **MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT RYAN AS CHAIR – MSC.** YEAS: Brett, Joe, Theresa, Val, Patty, CJ, and Matt. NAYS: None.

Eric moved onto the position of Vice Chairperson. Eric called for further nominations for Vice Chair, twice. Hearing none – **MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT MATT AS VICE CHAIRPERSON – MSC.** YEAS: Brett, Joe, Theresa, Val, Patty, CJ, and Matt. NAYS: None.

Eric moved to calling for further nominations for the position of Member-At-Large, twice. **MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT BRETT AND KENDRA AS MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – MSC.** YEAS: Brett, Joe, Theresa, Val, Patty, CJ, and Matt. NAYS: None.

Eric thanked Ryan, Matt, and Tasha for their time and dedication and serving as officers, and a thank you to those who were willing and interested in continuing to serve.

SILC STAFF UPDATE: SILC Program Performance Report is completed annually. The report calls for information regarding the compliance of the Council's membership, and information about work completed throughout the year and information about progress made towards accomplishing the SPIL goals. This report was completed in January using a web-based portal and submitted to the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The SILC is still waiting for approval.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The Office of Disability Employment Policy/ODEP (under US Dept of Labor) announced the 2024 theme - "Access to Good Jobs for All". The 2024 NDEAM Poster and other resources will be available soon on ODEP's website:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>

There were 10 funding requests approved for a total amount of \$34,951.11 in the communities of Aberdeen, Brookings/Volga, Madison, Mitchell, Mobridge, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Sisseton, Vermillion, and Yankton. Funds are contributed by the BVR, B/SBVI and the SILC to support NDEAM events. Several communities have identified speakers and contracts are being developed or have been routed for signatures. Plans are continuing in other communities. Information about the events will be shared with the BVR, SILC and B/SBVI once details are finalized.

Governors Awards Solicitation: The 2024 solicitation for nominations received a total of 39 nominations. There is a Governor's Review Committee which is tasked with reviewing all nominations and providing a recommendation for a recipient in each category to the Governor for consideration and action. The Review Committee has representatives from the BVR, B/SBVI, and SILC. This committee will meet on June 18 to review the nominations. Once word is received from the Governor's office, work will start on scheduling the ceremony, which will be scheduled in the Fall. The date is dependent on the Governor's schedule and availability. Once arrangements are finalized and recipients are notified all BVR, SILC and B/SBVI members will receive information and an invitation to attend.

Champion of Independent Living Services Award: The SILC's Public Awareness/Outreach/Advocacy/Collaboration Committee works on the Champion of IL Services

award activities. This is an annual recognition program that the SILC started in 2015. The solicitation was disseminated in May and nominations are due June 21st. This award recognizes and honors individuals, organizations and businesses that exemplify the SILC's vision that all South Dakotans are treated with respect, live in an accessible and inclusive community of their choosing. Examples of nominees could include: a person with a disability; parent or family member of person with a disability; professional who has dedicated their lives to disability rights; community organization, business or school for innovative programs that are fully inclusive and accessible. The SILC is seeking support by gathering nominations. Once the nominee is identified, plans will progress with a presentation of the award which has been coordinated in the past with the SILC's September meeting.

Fall Conference: The Division's annual conference will be held October 29-31 in Deadwood at The Lodge. Staff received word from BVR/SILC members who are interested in attending. If a member is interested in attending, please let staff know in order to obtain the needed sleeping rooms. Save the Date information has been disseminated and information about keynote speakers can be found at: <https://www.sdrehabaction.org/fall-conference/2024-speakers>. Topics will include collaboration/teambuilding, Alzheimer's disease/multiple types of dementia, including the impact on those with intellectual/developmental disabilities (approaches to dementia care and environmental changes that can support the care of people living with dementia), communication and setting boundaries, neurodiversity, burnout/ stress, Native American Value Systems, and more. Please let staff know if you are interested in attending. Registration should open early in August.

Budget Update: BVR and SILC staff and administrative support is provided through an agreement between the Division of Rehabilitation Services and Black Hills Special Services Cooperative. The agreement started in January 2020, with the option of 4 one-year extensions. The current agreement started January 1, 2024, and it will end December 31st. A budget spreadsheet was disseminated, and it reflects expenses through April. Expenses are tracked separately for SILC items to include SILC member travel, SILC meeting expenses, SILC Strategic Planning and CIL staff training. The majority of expenses occur in October, November, and December, including NDEAM, Champion of Independent Living Services Award presentation, SILC member expenses related to the Fall Conference and CIL staff training.

LUNCH BREAK – was removed as members indicated an interest in continuing with the meeting.

HONORING OF OUTGOING MEMBERS: The SILC will lose four members as of June 30th due to term limits. This includes Ronda, Syndee, Tasha, and Eric. On behalf of the SILC, Ryan expressed his heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the members terming off and their dedication to advancing the rights of individuals with disabilities. Eric

echoed Ryans comments and thanked members for their time and dedication. Eric noted he will term off and plans to attend future meetings. Ronda thanked the members and noted her time went very fast. She spoke about the excellent work accomplished by the SILC and the CILs, and thanked members for their support. Tasha thanked everyone and welcomed individuals to be in touch with any housing related questions. Others thanked the members for their service and hoped to cross paths in the future. A question was asked about new members. Eric responded that information has been forwarded to the Governor's office and we are waiting to hear about appointments and reappointments.

REVIEW OF SILC COMMITTEES & CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP: Staff outlined the SILC's five committees. These consist of the Executive, Consumer Services, Public Awareness/Outreach/Advocacy/Collaboration, State Plan for Independent Living, Bylaws/Policies/Procedures Committees. A brief description was provided for each committee and activities assigned to each. Members were noted who are terming off the SILC and which committee they served on. Some SILC members have been in contact with staff to volunteer to serve on specific committees. It was mentioned that the SILC bylaws speak to members serving on at least one committee. Members were asked to review the committees and tasks assigned and to let staff know if one of the committees falls in their area of interest. The committees and membership document will be forwarded to members.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

CLOSING ACTIONS: Future Agenda Items: A member asked if there could be a possibility of hearing more about the budget, breaking it down a bit, discussing how the service units are determined, how budget figures are determined. The next meeting will focus on the service units. Staff asked about a request made at a previous meeting to hear from a student with disabilities who participated in a summer transition camp. This could involve CIL staff in terms of outlining what a Summer Transition week is like, focus areas and activities offered. A similar presentation was made for the BVR involving a student delegate who attended the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF). The presentation included TSLP staff, the student delegate, and their parent(s). The parents spoke to changes they witnessed with their teenager when they returned home. A question was asked about the need for signed releases if the student is under the age of 18 or has a guardian. Matt will talk with staff about the possibility of this becoming an agenda item. Next Meeting: staff will disseminate a doodle poll to determine a meeting date in September. Adjournment: The Chair asked if there was anything else or other final business. There was none, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:18 pm.