

**STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)**

**September 5, 2024**

**Meeting Held Via Zoom**

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**DHS/DRS DHS Hillview Plaza/Conference Room**

**Independent Living Choices/Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Valere Beeck, Matt Cain, Ryan Groeneweg, Patty Kuglitsch, Brett Glirbas, Joe Vetch, Kendra Gottsleben, Richard Moeller, Vicki Steffes, and Jennifer Lewis. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Theresa Marzahn and CJ Moit. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Eric Weiss, Codi Erickson, Ronda Williams, Sandy Neyhart, Tim Neyhart, Denise Reed, Betsy Valnes, 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. Ryan announced the approval of the State Plan for Independent Living by the Administration for Community Living. Ryan 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, Val, Richard, Patty, Kendra, Vicki, 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 JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES, AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, MSC.** Yeas: Brett, Joe, Val, Richard, Patty, Kendra, Vicki, and Matt. NAYS: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ryan invited public comment, there was none. (This is a standing agenda item at each meeting allowing members of the public to address the SILC).

**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:** Ryan shared information about the Center for Disabilities 2024 Run, Walk, & Roll event on September 14 in Sioux Falls. The link was shared in the chat with attendees and the flyer was forwarded to members via email.

**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 report was provided for the period of October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The response rate for the time period statewide was 28.35%. Responses increased this quarter for WRIL.

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 were positive for both CILs. The comments included prompt, helpful, knowledgeable staff, thankful for devices, staff coming to home, suggestions for grab bars/shower/high rise toilet/help alert/call button, increasing safety, ability to get out of the home, applying for benefits, learning to cook, getting back in public and obtaining senior living. The other narrative question asked what was the least helpful in experiences with IL services and comments included: nothing/everything was helpful, waiting time for contractor, doing the training to keep apartment cleaned, budgeting, and waiting time for equipment.

A question was asked about the number of unsuccessful closures reflected in the report. Jennifer responded that with the recent on-site reviews this has been a discussion item with CIL staff involving documentation and coding. Numbers also reflect the inability to locate people. Discussion has included continued follow-up with participants to maintain contact to learn of address changes. This will continue to be monitored.

Status of CIL Contracts: Two reports were shared with members. The first is the status of state contracts at 12 months. The Division contracts with both Centers for Independent Living (CILs); the contracts contain funding sources of Part B funds, state match, Social Security Administration funds, and other funds. These contracts start June 1 and run through May 31<sup>st</sup>. The 12-month status report showed that both CILs met their goals and provided the needed number of service units, expending 100% of the Part B funds. The 2-month status report for the current year, June 1 through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, reflects the start of the contract year (16% of contract cycle).

Independent Living Choices (ILC) Quarterly Report for the time period of April 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024. ILC provided services in all core service areas. The total number of hours of service provided this quarter was 2299.75 to a total of 1505 individuals. The number of individuals receiving Home Modifications and Assistive Devices (HMAD) this quarter was 267, assistive devices/20 and housing services/71. Total new applicants this quarter was 322 with 68 new applicants under the age of 25.

ILC staff participated in or organized activities in communities of all sizes with various outlets (medical practices, schools, health fairs, Coalition on Aging, neighborhood associations). 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 2<sup>nd</sup>) which is consistent for ILC. 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 attended a board meeting involving Yankton transit, learned of the possibility of Yankton transit taking on Vermillion Public transit. This will open up services to individuals with disabilities served by SESDAC. Systems Advocacy activities included facilitating network meetings, participating in NDEAM committee meetings, monthly health connect meetings, various support groups, and Mayor's committee meetings. The report identified staff openings in the Mobridge and Aberdeen offices.

Western Resources for Independent Living (WRIL) Quarterly Report for April 1, 2024, through June 30, 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 705.50 for a total of 471 individuals. Twelve individuals received HMAD, 34 received assistive devices and 67 received housing services. There was a total of 80 new applicants this quarter with 49 under the age of 25. A total of 218 individuals were served this quarter.

WRIL staff participated in events this quarter in Pierre, Rapid City, Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Wall and Murdo. There was outreach and information shared in various communities in the coverage area. Participants learned of services primarily through family members/friends. Outreach was conducted with school districts in Box Elder, Onida, and Rapid City; and with Long Term Care Facility/Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Facilities in Rapid City, Kadoka, Wall, Phillip, Murdo, and Pierre. Staff participated in a Disability Awareness/ Accessibility meeting in Rapid City (discussion was community access). Staff participated in training (work incentives and ILRU training). WRIL was at full staff at the time of reporting.

IL Funding Sources: A budget page for SFY 2025 Funding Sources was 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 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of September, and Part B funds are based upon the state fiscal year of June 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of May. The report identifies 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 explained that the column termed Home Modifications was noted as the Ramp Contracts last year. The Division had additional funding and the CILs were asked about needs and the level of funding needed to meet these needs. This area was

expanded to include Home Modifications (bathroom remodel, installing grab bars, widening doorways) in addition to ramp projects. This column includes \$600,000 to support these services. The hope is to reduce waiting lists for these types of needs.

A question was asked about the length of the waiting lists. Matt replied that ILC has no waiting list, as they also utilized monies from reserve funds to provide these needed supports. Some individuals may be waiting for the contractor to get the work done, but services have been put in process. Codi responded that WRIL has 25-30 individuals on their waiting list.

**CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CILs) UPDATES:** Western Resources for Independent Living (WRIL). Codi stated that WRIL has been very busy. They lost staff in the Pierre office as well as an administrative staff member. This requires travel back and forth between Pierre and Rapid City. The Pierre office location has moved, and the office is now open. An open house will be scheduled in Pierre once staff is hired and training has been conducted. WRIL continues to struggle in obtaining contractors to work on HMAD projects. One contractor is currently working on a project, and he is willing to work on more of these types of projects. WRIL staff will be working on two fundraising events (Rushmore Plaza Civic Center/concession stands, and the braided bread fundraising event). WRIL is also considering relocating the Spearfish office to Belle Fourche.

Independent Living Choices: Matt talked about the Summer Transition Programs. It was a goal to host a Transition Program at each of the 9 office locations, however, the Mobridge program was dropped because they lost staff there. Each program varies by community, and organized activities depend upon the attendee's needs. Some programs run for an entire week; others meet one day a week for 6 weeks. A total of 44 students with disabilities participated. Student attendees are between the ages of 16 and 21 and are typically on an IEP or 504 plan. The programs include independent living skills, life skills, safety/risk skills, how to find an apartment, interview for a job, budgeting, and more. Matt expressed appreciation to the Division for funding these types of opportunities, because this contract funding is separate from the IL contract with the Division. Staff time involved with organizing and hosting the Transition Programs is tracked separately and cannot be recorded in terms of IL service delivery. This reduces the number of service units worked during the summer for ILC. The 2024 Indian Motorcycle Raffle winner was drawn on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Stone's Truck Stop. An individual from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota was the winner. This fundraiser limits the selling of 2000 tickets/\$20 each. The truck stop is great to partner with because they agree to display the motorcycle and sell raffle tickets. The organizational chart shows the loss of staff in the Aberdeen and Mobridge offices. ILS is applying to become a Hope Waiver provider, which will provide services similar to the ADLS waiver. ILC is part of the Hy Vee Operation Helpful Smile and receives funds through this initiative.

Matt feels the exposure of ILC through the program is beneficial. The funds awarded to ILC will be directed to the HMAD program.

ILC hosted listening sessions recently in Mitchell and Aberdeen to obtain input from participants and other community members. An area of discussion focused on staff travel in the Aberdeen area. ILC was aware of this as an issue and is addressing this with new staff. ILC has received grant funds from the City of Sioux Falls to pay for Home Modification/ accessibility needs in rental units. This involved working with the managers/landlords and incorporating accessibility changes with rental units. The idea was to create more accessible options for apartment rentals. Following discussions with the city it was agreed to expand this and now funds will be allowed to pay for accessibility needs for homeowners who qualify. Funds were awarded in the range of \$15,000/\$20,000 and now this will increase to approximately \$170,000. At the end of August, ILC has completed 751 HMAD projects which cost over \$1 million, and they still need to add in projects for the month of September, to end the federal fiscal year.

Brett asked a question about referrals and serving those under the age of 25 and whether CILs are encouraging youth to attend Youth Leadership Forum (YLF), and if CIL staff participate/attend YLF. ILC staff have participated in YLF, and information is shared with high school students with disabilities. Codi inquired about obtaining information on YLF, and staff agreed to forward information to her. Another question was asked about what services would be available to students with disabilities on a college campus. Matt replied any person eligible for IL services may receive any IL related service. In response to a question about an apartment that has been modified and it becomes vacant does ILC hear about the vacancy. Matt replied that landlords/managers are good about contacting ILC about potential renters.

**BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (BVR) UPDATE:** Eric explained this is his first report as an ex-SILC member, because he termed off the SILC at the end of June. Eric continues to serve as a member of the BVR and this has been a standing agenda item for the SILC. He further explained that the BVR is an advisory board to the VR agency which provides services to individuals with disabilities seeking employment. Board responsibilities include advising the Division on the performance of the VR program, developing goals and strategies, and analyzing consumer satisfaction of services.

The BVR last met on June 25<sup>th</sup>. One of the agenda items included an update on work related to the Division's media outreach plan. The Division is working with a marketing firm to launch an outreach campaign. The purpose of the market campaign is to increase outreach and awareness across the state about VR and services. The Division will work with the marketing firm to produce new hard copy materials, social media items, and other marketing materials. Another agenda item included a review of the Office of Special Education's Post Secondary Outcomes Indicator survey results.

The results identify what students with disabilities are doing one year out of high school, i.e., higher education, competitive employment. Of interest to VR was the respondents' largest grouping, those competitively employed, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest grouping was those enrolled in higher education. The survey will assist with identifying and/or recognizing the impact of VR and transition related services for youth with disabilities and outcomes.

The election of officers was held during the June meeting resulted in the following serving as officers: Jonathan Englund/Chair, Vicki Stewart/Vice Chair, and Shawn Lyons/Member At Large. The next BVR meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> and agenda items will include an update on Division initiatives, VR case file review and consumer satisfaction survey and an overview of Transition Services Liaison Project activities. 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/>.

There was consensus to move agenda items forward until individuals arrive for the awards presentation.

**BOARD OF SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (B/SBVI):** Ryan explained he also serves on the Board of SBVI and assists with providing Board updates to the SILC. The B/SBVI met on June 14<sup>th</sup> via Dakota Digital Network (DDN) using sites in Pierre, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Rapid City. This was the first meeting held without Gaye Mattke, Director of the Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired. Gaye retired in early June and Department Deputy Secretary, Tom Martinec was serving as Acting Director. Ronda Williams was officially appointed to serve as director at the end of July. In terms of appointments/reappointments, the B/SBVI is waiting for 6 more appointments or reappointments. The next meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Ryan explained that he served on the Governor's Awards Review Committee in his capacity as a B/SBVI member along with other BVR and SILC members. He noted what an incredible time intensive experience it was, there were so many nominations of qualified nominees. The B/SBVI's election of officers was delayed and will be conducted during the September meeting.

**CURRENT STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL):** Colette spoke to the current SPIL which is in effect through the end of September (the recently approved SPIL will take effect on October 1, 2024). Colette encouraged members to submit/share information about any events/training they have participated in. This information is gathered and utilized in the SILC's year-end Program Performance Report. She thanked members who have submitted information to date. The SILC's Individualized Activities Reporting Form will be disseminated to all members as a friendly reminder to submit information. Colette moved onto the SILC Member Individual Training Plan Form and asked members to complete and return these forms.

Colette thanked the members who submitted their training plans and encouraged others to complete the form. Discussion followed on training opportunities for SILC members, i.e., ILRU training opportunities via Zoom and the sessions are recorded and accessible at a later time/date. Ryan noted that you can register for an ILRU training(s) and then you receive a calendar invite. Patty spoke to the trainings she participated in indicating they were very good and worthwhile. She suggested that staff send reminders to SILC members of upcoming training events. Brett shared that he recently attended a Sioux Falls public transit meeting and will submit information related to the agenda and discussion items.

### **CHAMPION OF INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES AWARD PRESENTATION:**

Ryan thanked Shelly Pfaff for attending along with guests, Tim Neyhart, Sandy Neyhart, Betsy Valnes, and Krista Heeren Graber. Ryan congratulated Shelly on being selected as this year's recipient for the Champion of Independent Services Award. Ryan thanked the guests for coming and supporting Shelly with this awards presentation. He talked about the award and the categories that can be recognized. This annual recognition program was started in 2015 and to date ten individuals and one program have been recognized. Guests spoke about their relationship with Shelly and years of service working together advocating for disability rights.

Ryan spoke about the process of soliciting and reviewing nominations. Shelly's nomination was identified and chosen for her years of service, work in the disability field through employment and in her personal life. Shelly is an advocate, a role model, and an invested community member. She exemplifies the "Independent Living Philosophy" living life to its fullest and working with others to achieve the same. Brett talked about how he first met Shelly and what she taught him over the years of working together. He presented her with the Champion of Independent Living Award. Shelly thanked everyone, noting what an honor it is and a very humbling experience. She spoke of the 40+ years of being surrounded by individuals working together in the disability arena. She thanked the SILC and encouraged them to continue their work. She shared words that were spoken to her years ago, by national leader, Justin Dart, an activist, and advocate for people with disabilities. The words of needing to continue the fight; work must continue for all individuals to have equal access to aspects of life and community living.

Matt read the write up and others followed with extending congratulations to Shelly. She thanked everyone for the award, the acknowledgement, and the guests for attending. The floor was opened to others again, including guests to share comments. Patty congratulated Shelly and spoke to the years of working together on disability related issues as well as working on issues of importance to individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing. Others spoke of their working relationship with her throughout the years, the impact of changes on service delivery systems, and being a role model.

Guests were invited to stay, visit, and enjoy the refreshments. Ryan thanked everyone for attending, supporting Shelly and all that she has accomplished, and for promoting the independent living philosophy. He encouraged everyone to make future nominations for the Champion of Independent Living Services Award.

## **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

**INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAMS:** Matt introduced Denise Reed, ILC staff and turned it over to her. Denise described the funding support to conduct summer transition programs. ILC responded to a request for proposal to the Division of Rehabilitation Services to conduct Pre-Employment Transition Services Initiatives in nine office locations. The request outlined the provision of training needs for students with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 21. Students are typically on an Individualized Plan for Education (IEP) or a 504 plan. Students are introduced to job exploration, work-based learning, workplace readiness training, self-advocacy, IL skills, social skills, hygiene, budgeting, and transportation topics. Due to staffing levels, only 8 of the 9 programs were held. A total of 44 students participated. Staff do an excellent job of involving community partners as presenters. The program includes onsite visits at local grocery stores, laundry mats, and banks for hands on learning. Each office's program looks a little bit different based upon community, available service providers, and student needs. The RFP covered expenses related to staffing, training materials, and training sites.

A student participant shared his experiences with attending the Sioux Falls program, 2<sup>nd</sup> year attendee. He shared information about what he learned, fire/safety, cooking, cleaning, and learning how to ride the bus. His parent was present and talked about the activities which were important for her son to experience and increased learning. He now has more chores to work on at home, he has phone numbers and other contact information for friends he met through the program. As a family, they use some of the tools provided, i.e., budgeting, planners, journals. Mom talked about the student's disability in terms of attending the second year and the need for repetition and learning from others. The family has seen growth in areas for the student; especially with social skills. The parent also appreciated the added activities during the evenings for the students, which reinforced social skills.

Programs disseminate pre surveys and post surveys. Student attendees are asked about areas they learned about, what they want to learn more about and their confidence level of getting/keeping a job. Eric spoke about the partnerships these programs bring between VR and other service agencies. The programs offer exposure to students at a younger age and offer the ability to gain more life skill activities. Eric noted other agencies were awarded funds to support the Transition Programs i.e., SD DROP, Center for Disabilities, educational cooperatives. A thank you was offered to the student and his mother for sharing their experiences with the Summer Transition



Programs with the SILC. And a thank you to ILC staff for coordinating this for the SILC. The summer programs offer smaller gatherings for students in local communities and offer related topics to what is offered during Youth Leadership Forum.

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

**UPDATE:** Ronda spoke to staff changes in the Division, including the retirement of SBVI's Director, Gaye Mattke. Tom Martinec, Department of Human Services, Deputy Secretary was interim director until Ronda was appointed to serve as the director. A new VR counselor was hired in the Rapid City office (Mercedes Porter), and there is a VR counselor/rehabilitation teacher vacancy in the Pierre office. Interviews are taking place to fill this position. Transition week was held in Sioux Falls at the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in June, which offers pre-employment transition services to students who are blind or have vision loss. SBVI has a contract with the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for a vision transition specialist. This staff serves as a liaison between the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and other schools across the state who serve students with vision loss.

Sandy Neyhart, SBVI's Older Independent Living Program staff, was appointed to serve on DakotaLink's Advisory Council. The all-staff training for the Division was held in July and state and national trainers were utilized. Training topics included dual sensory loss, orientation and mobility skills training, low vision, and discussion of unusual medical issues and overcoming impediments. Sandy also participates on the Fall Conference Planning Committee. A speaker was identified to present on different types of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, including the impact on those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and environmental changes that can support the care of persons living with dementia.

Ronda will attend the SD Association of the Blind State Chapter meeting at Joy Ranch this weekend. The Division is working on media coverage for White Cane Safety Day, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Coverage will address legal aspects, yielding the right of way, and increasing awareness of pedestrian and motorist's responsibilities. There will be a White Cane Walk on October 19 in Sioux Falls, in addition to other activities in the state. Peer support activities continue for individuals for the Older Blind and Independent Living Program. There has been growth in some of the peer support groups and SBVI can assist with transportation to these groups.

**SILC STAFF UPDATE:** [SILC Program Performance Report](#) is completed annually and submitted to the Administration for Community Living for approval. 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. The SILC learned last week that the PPR was approved. ACL approved the [2025-2027 State Plan for Independent Living](#).

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 are available on ODEP’s website: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>. The communities that are conducting face to face events include: Vermillion, Yankton, Sioux Falls, Brookings, Mitchell, Rapid City, Sisseton, and Madison. One virtual event will be held hosted by the Division, Employment Disability Resources, and the Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills. The presenter will be Mychelle Garrigan with Firelink, out of Sioux Falls. This webinar will focus on website accessibility, legal aspects of accessibility and how people with various disabilities utilize websites. Information about the events will be shared with the BVR, SILC and B/SBVI once details are finalized.

Governors Awards Update: The Governor’s Awards Ceremony is scheduled to take place on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol. The Governor will be available to present the awards, and a reception will be held following the ceremony. Seven recipients will be honored, this includes:

1. Michael Svatos/Mitchell, OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE WITH A DISABILITY
2. Justin Minnaert/Madison, OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY
3. Dakota Fluid Power/Rapid City, OUTSTANDING SMALL PRIVATE EMPLOYER
4. Compass One Healthcare/Rapid City, OUTSTANDING LARGE PRIVATE EMPLOYER
5. Prairie Lakes Wellness Center/Watertown, OUTSTANDING PUBLIC EMPLOYER
6. Cherie Hill/Onida, OUTSTANDING TRANSITION SERVICES AWARD
7. Arlene Poncelet/Ft. Pierre, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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 31<sup>st</sup>. A budget spreadsheet was disseminated which reflected expenses through the end of June. 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 attending the Fall Conference and CIL staff training. The Division’s Annual Fall Conference will be held October 29-31 in Deadwood at The Lodge. Registration is open and available under SD RehabACTion’s website. <https://www.sdrehabaction.org/fall-conference>. Five SILC members have expressed interest in attending. Staff works with Division staff to obtain needed sleeping rooms. Expect hotel information, i.e., confirmation numbers, to come out early to mid-October.

Each member must register, if you need assistance with doing this, please let staff know.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** A question was asked about whether SILC members could attend other types of IL-related training and if assistance is provided with training costs. The response was that if a member identifies training/event, they could inquire with support staff and a budget would be worked up. The budget would factor in registration fees, travel, per diem, needed lodging, and other necessary supports (i.e., driver, personal attendant). This will be brought forward to the SILC's Executive Committee for consideration.

**CLOSING ACTIONS:** Future Agenda Items: please forward any future agenda topics to staff or the Executive Committee for consideration. Next Meeting: staff will disseminate a doodle poll to determine a meeting date in December, the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> will be avoided due to the on-site review scheduled at ILC. Eric expressed a special thank you to all those who helped with the Champion of IL Services Award presentation and ILC hosting the event. Adjournment: The Chair asked if there was anything else or other final business. There was none, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.