

**State Plan for Independent Living - Public Meeting  
February 22, 2024**

**Meeting held Via Zoom 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
DHS/DRS DHS Hillsview Plaza/Conference Room**

SILC Members Present: Ryan Groeneweg, Patty Kuglitsch, Richard Moeller, Tasha Jones, Matt Cain, CJ Moit, and Ronda Williams. Others present: Arlene Poncelet, Erica Stone, Codi Erickson, Alan Adel, Brett Glirbas, Ryan Ryder, Tania Kostal, Kim Geffre, Sherry Van Liere, Jennifer Lewis, and Colette Wagoner. The interpreters were Julie Paluch and Alecia Barnes.

Ryan Groeneweg, SILC Chairperson, opened the meeting at 12:30, asking for introductions and turned the meeting over to Colette.

Colette spoke about the purpose of today's meeting; to solicit input on the draft State Plan for Independent living (SPIL). The draft plan needs to be submitted to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) prior to the end of June. Colette provided her contact information in the event someone had a question or comment following the meeting.

Colette utilized a power point to initiate discussion, comments and/or questions. The PowerPoint slides addressed the Rehabilitation Act, establishment of IL services and the CILs; ACL (federal agency), what the SPIL is, who develops is, and why the SPIL is important. The slides also outlined the design of the IL Service Network, sections of the SPIL, required information, and the goals and objectives of the SPIL.

Questions/Feedback/Comment

Commenter: In regard to other states, is South Dakota aligned with what other states have in terms of the SPIL, goals and objectives?

Response: Yes and No. Each state has identified their goals and objectives based upon the identified needs of their state (i.e., unserved, underserved) and what they want to achieve in their 3-year plan. States differ in terms of CILs, service area, funding, etc.

Another response noted that each state is required to submit a SPIL and we are all using the same instrument instructions.

Commenter: Are there any major changes or notable changes from the current plan to this draft plan?

Response: The first 2 goals remained almost the same, from what is outlined in the current state plan compared to the draft. Goal 3 has been broadened to include more systems advocacy.

Another substantial change included changes in the State Plan instructions and formatting of information.

Commenter: The goals and objectives look like they align with what is needed in South Dakota.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

Commenter: Thank you for making the information available to the public, i.e., draft goals and objectives, draft SPIL, PowerPoint, etc.

Response: Thank you for your comment.

Commenter (person joined meeting late): Where can I find the slide deck that was used for today's presentation?

Response: Directions were provided on where to locate the Boards and Commissions website as well as how to find the SILC and related information. Written comments are also being taken through February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Commenter: I see the SILC has a Facebook page, is the SILC on any other social media, i.e., Instagram?

Response: The SILC is only located on Facebook.

Commenter followed up and acknowledged the challenge of maintaining consistency across multiple platforms.

Conclusion: In response to a question about what happens next? The SILC will review and consider comments/questions from today's meeting and any written comments. The SPIL will be finalized and presented to the full SILC for review/approval. The SPIL must be submitted to ACL by June 30<sup>th</sup>.