

SILC Executive Director Report to the MCRS
February 10, 2022

Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Objectives Update

The 2021-2023 Statewide Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) includes the following goals and objectives:

Systems Change: People with disabilities are actively engaged in promoting and advancing disability rights through advocacy and leadership initiatives.

- Increase consumer engagement in the CIL Network Legislative Day through educating participants on legislative issues and process
- Increase in number of CIL Youth Advocacy & Leadership programs
- Statewide CIL/Youth Leadership Summit planned and held

Personal Care Attendants: People with disabilities have access to a strong network of quality Personal Care Attendants (PCA) to assist them in gaining and retaining as much independence as they choose.

- Increase in PCA wages
- Increase in the # state agencies/partners that collaborate with IL Network on PCA issues
- Decrease in # of vacant PCA positions statewide

Emergency Preparedness: People with disabilities and communities are prepared for emergency situations.

- Increase # of people with disabilities who have registered Smart 911 profiles
- Increase # of state/county emergency plans that include plans for people with disabilities
- Increase # of CIL people with disabilities who complete a personal emergency plan

Diversity and Inclusion: All people with disabilities - including people in unserved or underserved populations - are welcomed, respected and actively included in community activities to reduce social isolation.

- CIL D&I Pilots – SILC is looking for updates from the three CILs piloting this objective
- DD Council’s Communities of Practice – I am an active member of the CoP and we meet monthly. I participated in a 3-day Transformational Leadership Forum hosted by Georgetown University last month. CIL involvement in this initiative will probably occur in the last year of the SPIL. We continue to meet on a monthly basis.

Appointments

Four Council members’ terms expired on December 31, 2021 and one vacancy occurred when Yvonne Fleener resigned in September 2021 leaving five voting seat vacancies. The four members requested reappointments prior to their terms expiring. The Appointments Office is

behind on appointments due to a staff member retiring last quarter. Any reappointments will not be retroactive to January 1, 2022, so we are operating with six voting members until the five seats are filled.

Blue Water Center for Independent Living Update

In October 2021, ACL awarded the former BWCIL's Part C federal core grant to Disability Network Oakland/Macomb through a competitive Notice of Funding Availability. Kelly Winn's team began providing temporary services in August 2021 and permanently took over the thumb service area when the Part C grant was awarded.

SILC Strategic Planning and Statewide Outreach

SILC wrapped up the strategic planning process in August 2021 which resulted in updated vision and mission statements. We are in the process of creating SMART goals that tie the strategic plan to our current SPIL.

On September 10, 2021 SILC staff issued an RFP for comprehensive statewide outreach to unserved and underserved disability populations in Michigan. Proposals are due by September 24, 2021. In December, the Council awarded a contract for \$45,000 to Idea 39. On January 18, 2022, a three hour kick off workshop was held with Idea 29 and the steering work group. The steering team is made up of Council members, BSBP and CIL directors. Team members include Yvonne Fleener, Diane Fleser, Alex Gossage, Lisa Kisiel, Frank Animikwam, Jamia Davis, Jan Lampman, Will Harrison, and Steve Locke.

SILC 2020/2021 Audit

SILC's annual financial audit is complete. Audited financial statements and the 990 are being presented at today's meeting for your acceptance and approval. There were no findings in our audit this year.

Annual Federal PPR Report

SILC and MRS jointly developed our annual Program Performance Report (PPR) which has to be submitted to ACL every year by December 31st. The PPR was submitted on the due date.

Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services (MCRS)

Last quarter, I was appointed to the MCRS by the Governor to represent SILC at our Chairs request. The MCRS's mission is to improve public Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services delivered by the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS). I attended my first meeting last quarter and look forward to an orientation.

2022 SILC Congress in San Diego

The 2022 SILC Congress “*Pandemic to Possibilities: SILC Solutions*” will be held at the Holiday Inn Bayside, San Diego, California on May 16-18, 2022. The Congress is a great venue for connecting with other SILCs and staff from across the country, meet with ACL leadership, and attend educational workshops and breakout sessions.

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

SILC was invited to join the Commission’s Communications Outreach Advisory team along with 30 other state level agencies to help increase public comment on the redistricting process. SILC was chosen to increase participation from the disability community. Public hearings have concluded and final maps were presented to the public in December 2021.