

SILC Executive Director Report
to the MCRS
February 9, 2023

2024 – 2026 SPIL Writing Team

ACL announced late last year that a 4th year will be added to our current SPIL making the next SPIL due to ACL in June 2024. As such, the SPIL writing team will begin public meetings again in the spring of 2023. In the interim, the team will receive monthly SILC IL community needs assessment survey response updates. The survey has been open since September and will remain open for the remainder of the calendar year. So far, we have received 56 responses. The survey is being promoted through SILC's social media channels and by other partners.

CIL Director Meetings

Quarterly meetings with the CIL directors have been scheduled where we share collaborative updates. I will be meeting with them on January 19, 2023 in Lansing. This winter, I will be setting up "Lunch and Learn" meetings with each CIL director and will travel to their CIL (I may Zoom with some of the northern CILs weather depending). These meetings are designed to learn more about each unique CIL and how SILC can better partner with them.

Statewide Outreach Services

In September 2022, the Council awarded an Outreach contract to Idea39 for FY2022-2023. The Outreach team, made up of Council members and CIL directors, meet every Monday morning with Idea39 staff for updates and approvals. During the January 2023 Council meeting, Founder and CEO of Idea39, Adrienne Pickett, will present the statewide outreach strategies and outcomes that we've achieved over the past year and a half.

ADA Inclusive Art Day Celebration

We have been eager to create an ADA inclusive art day as part of our statewide outreach initiative. We have been identifying communities, municipalities, and art co-ops that we could partner with to do public/private partnerships with local businesses who have space

- Madison Heights
 - Meeting with Arts Council on 1/17
- Reaching out to
 - Traverse City (Northern MI CIL - Andi new director replacing Jim Moore AHentschel@disabilitynetwork.net)
 - Grand Rapids - Art Prize
 - Dave Bulkowsk- Dave.B@dakc.us
 - Jackson - Bright Walls
 - Jon Hart-Jon@disabilityconnect.org

Our outreach contractor, Idea39, held a meeting this past Tuesday evening with Madison Heights Arts Board. We just got word that they unanimously agreed to our proposal for an all-community inclusive arts event in July! There's more information to come as we nail down our main points of contact in the community and begin a robust project timeline and plan for this. But everyone was nodding their heads, asking great questions, and really coming up with lots of great additions to this plan. We're really excited about being able to make this a reality for you this year! Our next steps are to begin having a dialogue with other communities around the state now that MH has bought in. We would also like to explore co-branding the event with Disability Network Eastern Michigan.

Appointments

I am pleased to announce that SILC has recently had two new members appointed to our Council. Erica Coulston was appointed to the Council on December 22, 2022 along with Jan and Frank being reappointed. Jan is moving into Will's seat based on the representation category in the Executive Order (Will termed off on December 31st and did not want to seek reappointment at this time) and Erica is moving into Jan's seat (this does not change our elected officer positions).

Shawan Dortch was appointed on July 28, 2022 along with Aaron Andres. Shawan is an Ex Officio representing the Michigan Department of Education and she replaces Janet Timbs. In April 2022, Theresa Metzmaker, Stephanie Deible and Anne Urasky were also reappointed to the Council. We now have a fully seated Council.

SILC Strategic Planning

SILC wrapped up the strategic planning process in August 2021 which resulted in updated vision and mission statements. SMART goals have been created for strategic plan goals that align with our current SPIL. After the Council held our annual retreat at the end of August 2022, it was decided that the balance of strategic plan goals will be aligned with SILC goals created in the next SPIL. A SILC goal writing team has met twice to develop SPIL goals specific to Council activity. The next goal team meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023.

SILC Financial and Member Reimbursement Policies

Since the summer of last year, Stephanie, Mindy, Jan, Tracy, our accountant Brad, and I have been working on revisions to SILC's financial policies and created a new member reimbursement policy based on eligible federal reimbursement categories. The financial policies were informed by the current policies of five other SILCs in Region V and we feel confident that the drafts you are being presented with today are sound and thorough. The new policies were adopted by the Council on January 13, 2023.

Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services (MCRS)

I continue to represent SILC on the MCRS. 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).

Michigan Vaccine Partners

I continue representing SILC at the Michigan Vaccine Partners meetings where we discuss strategy and long-term advocacy around vaccine access for people with disabilities.