

# Reporting Instrument

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING  
OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

**SECTION 704  
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT  
For  
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES  
PROGRAM**

(Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)

## **Part I**

### **INSTRUMENT**

**(To be completed by Designated State Units  
And Statewide Independent Living Councils)**

Reporting Fiscal Year: 2024

State: NV

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# SUBPART I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

## Section A - Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act

Indicate amount received by the DSE as per each funding source. Enter "0" for none.

### Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

|                                                    |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| (A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B                       | \$348,060.00        |
| (B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C - For 723 states Only | \$0                 |
| (C) Title VII, Ch. 2                               | \$0                 |
| (D) Other Federal Funds                            | \$0                 |
| <b>Subtotal - All Federal Funds</b>                | <b>\$348,060.00</b> |

### Item 2 - Other Government Funds

|                                                    |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| (E) State Government Funds                         | \$76,894.00        |
| (F) Local Government Funds                         | \$0                |
| <b>Subtotal - State and Local Government Funds</b> | <b>\$76,894.00</b> |

### Item 3 - Private Resources

|                                             |               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| (G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.) | \$0           |
| (H) Other resources                         | \$0           |
| <b>Subtotal - Private Resources</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b> |

### Item 4 - Total Income

|                                                |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H) | \$424,954.00 |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|

### Item 5 - Pass Through Funds

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.) | \$0 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|

### Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

|                                                                                                   |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Income (Section 4) minus amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources | \$424,954.00 |
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## Section B - Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Section 713 of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.10

| <b>What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSE Staff</b> | <b>Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions                                                                                                       | \$121,701.00                                                  | \$0                                                            |
| (2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities                                                                                               | \$0                                                           | \$105,000.00                                                   |
| (3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services                                                                                                             | \$0                                                           | \$0                                                            |
| (4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act | \$0                                                           | \$33,000.00                                                    |
| (5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services                                                            | \$0                                                           | \$32,000.00                                                    |
| (6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services                          | \$8,576.00                                                    | \$0                                                            |
| (7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy                                                                                                                   | \$1,352.00                                                    | \$0                                                            |
| (8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations                                             | \$6,426.00                                                    | \$40,005.00                                                    |
| <b>Totals</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$138,055.00</b>                                           | <b>\$210,005.00</b>                                            |

## Section C - Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act

Enter the requested information for all DSE grants or contracts, funded at least in part by Part B funds, in the chart below. If a column is not applicable to a particular grant or contract, enter "N/A." If there were no non-Part B funds provided to this grantee or contractor for the purpose listed, enter "\$0" in that column. Add more rows as necessary.

| <b>Name of Grantee or Contractor</b>        | <b>Use of Funds</b><br>(based on the activities listed in Subpart I, Section B) | <b>Amount of Part B Funds</b> | <b>Amount of Non-Part B Funds</b> | <b>Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSE or Provider</b> | <b>Consumer Service Records (CSRs) Kept With DSE or Provider</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Southern NV CIL                             | IL Services                                                                     | \$33,000.00                   | \$0.00                            | Provider                                                  | Provider                                                         |
| Rural Center for Independent Living         | IL Services                                                                     | \$32,000.00                   | \$0.00                            | Provider                                                  | Provider                                                         |
| Community Chest                             | Outreach                                                                        | \$18,755.00                   | \$0.00                            | Provider                                                  | Provider                                                         |
| Care Chest of Sierra NV                     | IL Services                                                                     | \$105,000.00                  | \$1,330,977.00                    | Provider                                                  | DSE                                                              |
| Davidson Belluso                            | Outreach                                                                        | \$7,200.00                    | \$0.00                            | Provider                                                  | Provider                                                         |
| DSE/Youth Contractor                        | Outreach                                                                        | \$14,050.00                   | \$0.00                            | Provider                                                  | Provider                                                         |
| <b>Total Amount of Grants and Contracts</b> |                                                                                 | <b>\$210005</b>               | <b>\$1330977</b>                  |                                                           |                                                                  |

## Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or For the General Operation of Centers

Section 713 of the Act

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes

other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

\$7,200 was contracted to Davidson Belluso to maintain the SILC website, as costs remained consistent with the previous year.

A Youth Leader was contracted to further develop the Youth Action Council under the SILC for \$14,050. The Youth Leader position was replaced with a Youth Outreach Specialist, who will fulfill Youth Leader duties as well as other grant funded duties for youth with disabilities in Nevada.

\$18,755 was awarded to Community Chest to assist the SILC in managing choice and control regarding services and supplies for SILC outreach and education. This allowed the SILC to pay for travel expenses and services that are not contracted specifically through the State.

## **Section E - Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds**

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

Davidson Belluso performed web maintenance as specified in our contract with no additional issues arising.

The Youth Outreach Specialist was trained in outreach activities and organized meetings quarterly as hired; however, we had two hired into the position resign shortly after starting and had to begin the recruitment process again. Reports to SILC at our quarterly meetings was done by the Executive Director.

The Centers for independent Living provided quarterly updates regarding their housing/IL services and consumer trends to SILC and will continue to provide quarterly reports at SILC meetings.

The Rural Center for Independent Living provided quarterly reports, as well, and will also provide continuing reports at quarterly SILC meetings.

Community Chest meets with SILC Executive Director at least quarterly to discuss SPIL progress and the needs of the SILC.

The State AT/IL Program Director submits quarterly reports to SILC and provides ongoing communication regarding CARE CHEST of Sierra Nevada program changes, service provider challenges and program wait lists. He will continue to provide quarterly reports at SILC meetings.

## **Section F - Administrative Support Services and Staffing**

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act

### **Item 1 - Administrative Support Services**

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSE to the Part B Program.

During this reporting period, the DSE provided administrative support to the SILC up to .25 FTE. This support was mainly focused on meeting support, travel coordination, and supply ordering.

**Item 2 - Staffing**

Enter requested staff information for the DSE and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs)

| Type of Staff         | Total Number of FTEs | FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Decision-Making Staff | 1                    | 1                                            |
| Other Staff           | 0.25                 | 0                                            |

**Section G - For Section 723 States ONLY**

Section 723 of the Act, 45 CFR 1329.12

**Item 2 - Administrative Support Services**

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act

**Item 3 - Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews**

Section 723(g), (h), and (i)

**Item 4 - Updates or Issues**

# SUBPART II - NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.12(a)(3-4)

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSE, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual CIL PPRs.

## Section A - Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

Include Consumer Service Records (CSRs) for all consumers served during the year.

|                                                                                                    | # of CSRs |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| (1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year | 173       |
| (2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year                         | 114       |
| (3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>                       | 287       |

## Section B - Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

Include the number of consumer records closed out of the active CSR files during the reporting year because the individual has

|                                                                           | # of CSRs |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| (1) Moved                                                                 | 2         |
| (2) Withdrawn                                                             | 17        |
| (3) Died                                                                  | 2         |
| (4) Complete Goals                                                        | 127       |
| (5) Other                                                                 | 0         |
| (6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i> | 148       |

## Section C - Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30th of the reporting year.

|                                                 | # of CSRs |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C | 139       |

## Section D - IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

|                                                                       | # of Consumers |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver                           | 1              |
| (2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed                | 286            |
| (3) <i>Total number of consumers served during the reporting year</i> | 287            |

## Section E - Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

|                                                    | # of Consumers |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) Under 5 years old                              | 2              |
| (2) Ages 5 - 19                                    | 34             |
| (3) Ages 20 - 24                                   | 12             |
| (4) Ages 25 - 59                                   | 85             |
| (5) Age 60 and Older                               | 154            |
| (6) Age unavailable                                | 0              |
| (7) <i>Total number of consumers served by age</i> | 287            |

## Section F - Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

|                                                    | # of Consumers |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) Number of Females served                       | 171            |
| (2) Number of Males served                         | 116            |
| (3) <i>Total number of consumers served by sex</i> | 287            |

## Section G - Race And Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below. ***Each consumer may be counted under ONLY ONE of the following categories in the Program Performance Report, even if the consumer reported more than one race and/or Hispanic/Latino ethnicity).***

**This section reflects a new OMB directive.  
Please refer to the Instructions before completing.**

|                                                               | # of Consumers |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) American Indian or Alaska Native                          | 3              |
| (2) Asian                                                     | 8              |
| (3) Black or African American                                 | 35             |
| (4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                 | 5              |
| (5) White                                                     | 178            |
| (6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/Latino only       | 47             |
| (7) Two or more races                                         | 9              |
| (8) Race and ethnicity unknown                                | 2              |
| (9) <i>Total number of consumers served by race/ethnicity</i> | 287            |

## Section H - Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

|                      | # of Consumers |
|----------------------|----------------|
| (1) Cognitive        | 4              |
| (2) Mental/Emotional | 0              |
| (3) Physical         | 222            |
| (4) Hearing          | 8              |

|                                                              | # of Consumers |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (5) Vision                                                   | 10             |
| (6) Multiple Disabilities                                    | 43             |
| (7) Other                                                    | 0              |
| (8) <i>Total number of consumers served by by disability</i> | 287            |



# SUBPART III - INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 45 CFR 1329.12(a)(3-4); Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

## Section A - Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSE staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do not include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

| Services                                             | Consumers Requesting Services | Consumers Receiving Services |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (A) Advocacy/Legal Services                          | 0                             | 0                            |
| (B) Assistive Technology                             | 95                            | 50                           |
| (C) Children's Services                              | 0                             | 0                            |
| (D) Communication Services                           | 5                             | 3                            |
| (E) Counseling and related services                  | 0                             | 0                            |
| (F) Family Services                                  | 0                             | 0                            |
| (G) Housing, Home Modification, and Shelter Services | 109                           | 75                           |
| (H) IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training      | 2                             | 1                            |
| (I) Information and Referral Services                | 111                           | 40                           |
| (J) Mental Restoration Services                      | 0                             | 0                            |
| (K) Mobility training                                | 5                             | 1                            |
| (L) Peer Counseling Services                         | 0                             | 0                            |
| (M) Personal Assistance Services                     | 0                             | 0                            |
| (N) Physical Restoration Services                    | 0                             | 0                            |
| (O) Preventive Services                              | 0                             | 0                            |
| (P) Prostheses, Orthotics, and other appliances      | 0                             | 0                            |
| (Q) Recreational Services                            | 0                             | 0                            |
| (R) Rehabilitation Technology Services               | 0                             | 0                            |
| (S) Therapeutic Treatment                            | 0                             | 0                            |
| (T) Transportation Services                          | 66                            | 19                           |
| (U) Youth/Transition Services                        | 0                             | 0                            |
| (V) Vocational Services                              | 0                             | 0                            |
| (W) Other                                            | 0                             | 0                            |
| <b>Totals</b>                                        | <b>393</b>                    | <b>189</b>                   |

## Section B - Increased Independence and Community Integration

## Item 1 - Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

| Significant Life Area                                                   | Goals Set  | Goals Achieved | In Progress |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment                                          | 0          | 0              | 0           |
| Communication                                                           | 40         | 20             | 11          |
| Mobility/Transportation                                                 | 150        | 40             | 69          |
| Community-Based Living                                                  | 81         | 37             | 31          |
| Educational                                                             | 0          | 0              | 0           |
| Vocational                                                              | 0          | 0              | 0           |
| Self-Care                                                               | 468        | 221            | 186         |
| Information Access/Technology                                           | 13         | 1              | 9           |
| Personal Resource Management                                            | 0          | 0              | 0           |
| Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living | 0          | 0              | 0           |
| Community/Social Participation                                          | 0          | 0              | 0           |
| Other                                                                   | 0          | 0              | 0           |
| <b>Totals</b>                                                           | <b>752</b> | <b>319</b>     | <b>306</b>  |

## Item 2 - Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

### (A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

| Areas                    | # of Consumers Requiring Access | # of Consumers Achieving Access | # of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| (A) Transportation       | 116                             | 23                              | 56                                         |
| (B) Health Care Services | 0                               | 0                               | 0                                          |
| (C) Assistive Technology | 752                             | 318                             | 306                                        |

**Note:** For most IL services, a consumer's access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

### (B) I&R Information

To inform ACL how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

The service provider did **X** / did not \_\_\_\_ engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

## **Section C - Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements**

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

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Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

State IL Program: The NVSILC provides partial funding for the statewide Assistive Technology for Independent Living (AT/IL) program. The AT/IL Program is a statewide program that supports an individual's choice to live in their community with the use of Assistive Technology (AT). The program's focus is on removing essential, daily living barriers. The program can help individuals define their Independent Living goals and determine the appropriate Assistive Technology (AT) needed to care for themselves, or receive care, in their homes and their community. The program has resources to provide a variety of AT when no other resources are possible. Individuals that are currently in a care facility, or at high risk of placement in a facility, can be prioritized (if funding is available) for the services that are necessary for them to live independently in the community.

The AT/IL program prioritizes resources in efforts to prevent institutionalization and support community living. Goals and services that may prevent, or help someone transition from a care facility must be prioritized. Transition services also may include non-AT services such as rental deposits, food, and items necessary to live until they are able to receive their income again, up to 30 days. This year there were 126 Independent Living Goals, that were directly related to Prevention of institutional care. Of these 102 goals were closed as Goal Met; 15 are in Progress (8 Withdrawn & 1 Passed Away).

All consumers are surveyed following closure with the AT/IL program. The survey includes satisfaction and life impact questions as well as a question about choice and control. This year there was a 48.1% voluntary return rate of surveys from consumers. The following are the results for the consumer surveys where at least one goal was accomplished:

Are you satisfied with our services? Rate the service provided by the staff:

Excellent 95%

Very Good 5%

Good 0%

Fair 0%

Poor 0%

Did you have choice and control over the Goals you set and the types of services you received?

A lot of control and choice 82%

Quite a bit of control and choice 16%

A little control and choice 2%

Not enough control and choice 0%

Rate your overall satisfaction with the program: Which of the following best reflects your level of

satisfaction with the services you received?

Very Satisfied 94%  
Mostly Satisfied 4%  
Somewhat Satisfied 0%  
Not Satisfied 2%

Have the services provided made a positive impact on your life?

Yes 100%  
No 0%

Did the services provided impact your life? My overall quality of life:

Improved a lot 83%  
Improved quite a bit 15%  
Improved a little 2%  
Did not change 0%  
Not Applicable or No response 0%

My overall Independence related to the goals established:

Improved a lot 75%  
Improved quite a bit 18%  
Improved a little 3.5%  
Did not change 0%  
Not Applicable or No response 3.5%

My chances of staying OUT of a nursing home:

Improved a lot 60%  
Improved quite a bit 11%  
Improved a little 2%  
Did not change 4%  
Not Applicable or No response 23%

How often are the devices or modifications used?

Daily 78%  
Weekly 7%  
Monthly 1%  
At least every 3 months 3%  
No response 11%

Do you think the government should continue funding this program?

Yes 100%  
No 0%

My ability to volunteer, be involved in my community, or do leisure activities:

Improved a lot 44%  
Improved quite a bit 20%  
Improved a little 9%  
Did not change 5%  
Not Applicable or No response 21%

Rate the services provided by the vendors, building contractors, or businesses that you worked with:

Excellent 83.6%  
Very Good 14.7%  
Good 0%  
Fair 1.8%

Poor 0%

# SUBPART IV - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.17(c)

## Section A - Community Activities

### Item 1 - Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSE, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity(ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

**Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.**

| Issue Area                                                  | Activity Type    | Primary Entity | Hours Spent | Objective(s)             | Outcome(s)                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Increasing the availability/access to assistive technology  | Outreach Efforts | DSE/CARE Chest | 114.00      | Increase consumer access | 29 Community Events with 1,694 contacts/participants, providing IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.        |
| Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology | Outreach Efforts | DSE/CARE Chest | 9.00        | Increase consumer access | 5 Organizations/Programs with 145 contacts/participants, providing IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.     |
| Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology | Outreach Efforts | DSE/CARE Chest | 12.00       | Increase consumer access | 4 City/County/State Agencies with 418 contacts/participants, providing IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information. |

| Issue Area                                                             | Activity Type                    | Primary Entity | Hours Spent | Objective(s)                | Outcome(s)                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology            | Outreach Efforts                 | DSE/CARE Chest | 13.00       | Increase consumer access    | 6 businesses with 106 contacts/participants, providing IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.                       |
| Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology            | Outreach Efforts                 | DSE/CARE Chest | 2.00        | Increase consumer access    | 2 media broadcast events reaching an estimated 150,000 people, providing IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.     |
| Improve the Effectiveness of the Independent Living Network Statewide. | Outreach Efforts                 | SILC           | 50.00       | Increase consumer access    | SILC participated in multiple community outreach events to promote IL.                                                                               |
| Improve access to IL Supports and Services                             | Community Education and Outreach | SILC           | 10.00       | Increase consumer access    | Held several virtual and in-person town halls to collect and gather input from Nevadans with disabilities for our State Plan for Independent Living. |
| Improve Awareness of Independent Living Network and Philosophy         | Community Education              | SILC           | 2.00        | Increase consumer knowledge | Presented Independent Living and SILC Training at the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities' Partners in Policymaking class               |

## Item 2 - Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSE, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

SILC attended several statewide events to educate the public about Independent Living and the SILC and to promote the Independent Living Philosophy including the Nye County Social Services Fair in Tonopah, Disability Awareness Day in Clark County, the Silver State Self-Advocacy Fair in Reno, the ADSD Conference in Washoe County and the Star Fair in Las Vegas. SILC also held several town halls to gather public information and share data with the disability community and partners regarding priorities for our next State Plan for Independent Living. SILC participates annually in the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities' Partners in Policymaking Class to educate students regarding

Independent Living. Outreach and education are targeted for unserved and underserved populations.

## **Section B - Working Relationships Among Various Entities**

Describe DSE and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSE, other state agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

SILC has members who attend sister board meetings to keep communication lines open. The Executive Director attends meetings held by The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, The Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities, an Employment First Coalition and various County and City coalitions and councils throughout the State. Dawn Lyons is a member of the Nevada State Rehabilitation Council as a SILC representative. New interested parties have applied from Vocational Rehabilitation, the Department of Education, and a representative from the DSE to fill open ex-officio vacancies. These relationships have served to inform others in the disability community about SILC and inform SILC regarding other entity efforts throughout the State.

The SILC, with other disability councils and commissions are collaborating to provide consumer testimony or important education and information that impacts the disability community to State agencies, advocacy organizations and legislators or legislative committees.



# SUBPART V - STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 45 CFR Part 1329.14-16

## Section A - Composition and Appointment

### Item 1 - Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

| Name of SILC member       | Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither | Appointment Category | Voting or Non-Voting | Term Start Date | Term End Date |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Peter Whittingham         | Neither                                  | Parent of a PWD      | Voting               | 03/01/2023      | 02/28/2026    |
| Linda Vejvoda             | Neither                                  | PWD                  | Voting               | 08/01/2022      | 07/31/2025    |
| Mary Evilsizer            | CIL                                      | CIL ED               | Voting               | 09/17/2018      | 08/31/2024    |
| Obioma Officer            | State Agency                             | ex-officio           | Non-Voting           | 08/01/2022      | 07/31/2025    |
| Diana Trusty-Foremaster   | Neither                                  | PWD                  | Voting               | 06/01/2021      | 05/31/2024    |
| Sabra McWhirter-Clark     | Neither                                  | PWD                  | Voting               | 11/01/2023      | 10/31/2026    |
| Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh | Neither                                  | PWD                  | Voting               | 04/01/2024      | 03/31/2027    |
| Margaret Marcucci         | Neither                                  | PWD                  | Voting               | 09/01/2024      | 08/31/2027    |
| Patricia Unruh            | Neither                                  | PWD                  | Voting               | 01/01/2022      | 08/31/2024    |
| Jennifer Kane             | State Agency                             | ex-officio           | Non-Voting           | 08/31/2021      | 08/31/2024    |
| Victoria Essner           | Neither                                  | PWD                  | Voting               | 08/30/2021      | 08/31/2024    |

### Item 2 - SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

| SILC Composition                                                                                                                                    | # of SILC members |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| (A) How many members are on the SILC?                                                                                                               | 11                |
| (B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?               | 7                 |
| (C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?                                                                                                | 9                 |
| (D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living? | 8                 |

## Section B - SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 45 CFR 1329.14(a)

## **Item 1 - Statewide Representation**

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

The State of Nevada is geographically split into two main regions: North and South. Members that represent the North include: Patricia Unruh, DeeDee Foremaster, Linda Vejvoda and Margaret Marcucci. Members that represent the South, our most populated region, include: Sabra McWhirter, Peter Whittingham, Jennifer Kane, Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, Victoria Essner, Sheena Childers, Obioma Officer, and Mary Evilsizer. The ex-officios represent Statewide access to affiliate programs and agencies. While Nevada has only 2 Part C centers that represent each region, respectively, only one can be a member during their required terms.

## **Item 2 - Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds**

Describe how the SILC members represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

Patricia Unruh identifies herself as a person with the following disabilities: vision, hearing, developmental, neurological and physical, as well as aged. She is also a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Sabra McWhirter identifies as a person with an invisible disability and works as an advocate in the disability community. Obioma Officer identifies as a person with a hearing disability and is the current Executive Director of the Nevada Commission for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She is also African-American. Linda Vejvoda is a person with physical disabilities living in Northern Nevada. Peter Whittingham is an African-American parent of a child with developmental disabilities and is the Director of the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada. Diana Trusty-Foremaster is a person with physical disabilities living in Northern Nevada and also is the Director of the Rural Center for Independent Living. Member Vickie Essner, recently retired from the State's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, and has transitioned into a voting member with a vision impairment. Sheena Childers is an African-American representative of Vocational Rehabilitation. The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is a statewide agency, with 13 offices statewide, including offices in the following rural communities: Winnemucca, Fallon, Elko and Ely. Each office is staffed with a qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor and technician to meet the needs of Nevadan's with disabilities in their community. Each office, to the best of its geographic ability, partners with the local Center for Independent Living. Non-voting members, Jennifer Kane and Ashley Price, are Educational Programs Professionals (EPP) for the Office of Special Education, they work with all 17 school districts in the state as well as the State Charter School Authority. Providing technical assistance in all aspects of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) to all districts including rural districts. Their work is primarily around IEP development, compliance, and dispute resolution, but other EPPs work with districts to include transition. Dawn Lyons is the Executive Director of SILC and identifies as a person with brain injuries, learning disabilities and a developmental disability and having Native American and Hispanic ethnicity. She also is a parent of two adult children with disabilities. Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh is a person with CP who resides on other National Councils for persons with disabilities. She was previously the owner of a supported living agency in California and is a University of California, Berkeley graduate.

We are working on recruiting others who can bring more racial and ethnic diversity to our council. We also have several guests and partners who contribute to our subcommittees and State Plan development who are individuals with various disabilities residing all over the State, also representing the BIPOC (black, indigenous persons of color) communities.

### **Item 3 - Knowledgeable about IL**

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

Three of our members utilize CIL services. Nine members work for partner agencies or partner with the CIL's. The SILC has an onboarding process that includes education and training about the IL network and philosophy and the difference between SILC and CIL's. The CIL's report activities and share stories during SILC meetings that help SILC members understand their role better, as well. The CIL's have provided training to SILC regarding the CIL role and responsibilities, including the complaint process (CAP) and internal structure.

## **Section C - SILC Staffing and Support**

### **Item 1 - SILC Staff**

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

Dawn Lyons, Executive Director, NVSILC-ADSD/State employee title: Social Services Program Specialist II  
P.O. Box 33386, Las Vegas, NV 89133  
(702) 757-7990 dlyons@adsd.nv.gov

ADSD Administrative Assistant (as needed up to .25 FTE and designated by DSE)

### **Item 2 - SILC Support**

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSE, if any.

Supply orders, meeting minutes and travel arrangements for SILC members and staff. The DSE administers the State IL services program (AT/IL) and supports the SILC's financial contracts and infrastructure. The DSE manages the receipt of funds from ACL and the necessary financial reporting.

## **Section D - SILC Duties**

Section 705(c); 45 CFR 1329.15

## **Item 1 - SILC Duties**

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

### **(A) State Plan Development**

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

The SILC Executive Director gathers all available data and informs the SPIL Workgroup what consumer data shows as well as other needs assessments. Based on the data, a draft is created of the SPIL by the Executive Director and then several feedback sessions from the public at town halls, through email, and via phone and mail as well as from the SPIL Workgroup meetings and SILC meetings are received and requested changes are implemented as needed until both the SPIL Workgroup and the SILC approve the final draft to be submitted to ACL.

### **(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan**

Describe any activities related to the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

The SILC evaluates progress on the current SPIL at every quarterly meeting, with the opportunity to reassess or address current strategies. As actions toward goals are completed, they are reported to SILC by the Executive Director. Near the end of the final year of the SPIL, SILC evaluates the process of the SPIL evaluation done up until then to discuss any opportunity for improvements to be made for the next SPIL evaluation term.

### **(C) Coordination With Other Disability Councils**

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

The Executive Director is a member of the Nevada State Rehabilitation Council as a representative of SILC. She provides an overview of SILC activities at each quarterly meeting and discusses any potential collaborations or mutual interests as they are agendaized. Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh, the SILC Chair serves on the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD), and SILC coordinates events and activities with and for the NGCDD. Obioma Officer is the Executive Director of the Commission on Services for Persons Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. The Executive Director of SILC also attends the following council and commission meetings: PAIMI, Clark County Children's Mental Health Coalition, Southern Nevada Mental Health Coalition, Intra-agency

Coordinating Council (of Early Intervention), Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Workforce Subcommittee, Commission on Aging, CSPD, NSRC, Deaf Commission, AT Council, Employment First Coalition and various Legislative Interim Committees.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

Nevada has a very strong public meeting law which requires that every agenda be reviewed by the Attorney General's office before posting, and that sufficient notice be given prior to the meeting. All meeting notices are widely posted and interested parties (non-SILC members) are notified by e-mail of upcoming meetings. Every meeting includes at least two opportunities for open public comment.

Item 2 - Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.

N/A

Section E - Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

Please identify the SILC's training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by ACL for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs.

| Training And Technical Assistance Needs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Choose up to 10 Priority Needs --- Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>Advocacy/Leadership Development</div> <div>General Overview</div> <div>Community/Grassroots Organizing</div> <div>Individual Empowerment</div> <div>Systems Advocacy</div> <div>Legislative Process</div> <div>Applicable Laws</div> <div>General overview and promulgation of various disability laws</div> <div>Americans with Disabilities Act</div> <div>Air-Carrier's Access Act</div> <div>Fair Housing Act</div> <div>Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act</div> <div>Medicaid/Medicare/PAS/waivers/long-term care</div> |                                                                                |

| <b>Training And Technical Assistance Needs</b>               | <b>Choose up to 10<br/>Priority Needs --- Rate<br/>items 1-10 with 1 being<br/>most important</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended                       |                                                                                                   |
| Social Security Act                                          |                                                                                                   |
| Workforce Investment Act of 1998                             |                                                                                                   |
| Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999   |                                                                                                   |
| Government Performance Results Act of 1993                   |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Assistive Technologies</b>                                |                                                                                                   |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Data Collecting and Reporting</b>                         |                                                                                                   |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                                   |
| PPR/704 Reports                                              |                                                                                                   |
| Performance Measures contained in Program Performance Report |                                                                                                   |
| Dual Reporting Requirements                                  |                                                                                                   |
| Case Service Record Documentation                            |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Disability Awareness and Information</b>                  |                                                                                                   |
| Specific Issues                                              |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Evaluation</b>                                            |                                                                                                   |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                                   |
| CIL Standards and Indicators                                 |                                                                                                   |
| Community Needs Assessment                                   |                                                                                                   |
| Consumer Satisfaction Surveys                                |                                                                                                   |
| Focus Groups                                                 |                                                                                                   |
| Outcome Measures                                             |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Financial: Grant Management</b>                           |                                                                                                   |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                                   |
| Federal Regulations                                          |                                                                                                   |
| Budgeting                                                    |                                                                                                   |
| Fund Accounting                                              |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Financial: Resource Development</b>                       |                                                                                                   |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                                   |
| Diversification of Funding Base                              | 1                                                                                                 |
| Fee-for-Service Approaches                                   |                                                                                                   |
| For Profit Subsidiaries                                      |                                                                                                   |
| Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns                   |                                                                                                   |
| Grant Writing                                                |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Independent Living Philosophy</b>                         |                                                                                                   |
| General Overview                                             | 2                                                                                                 |
| <b>Innovative Programs</b>                                   |                                                                                                   |
| Best Practices                                               | 3                                                                                                 |
| Specific Examples                                            |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Management Information Systems</b>                        |                                                                                                   |
| Computer Skills                                              |                                                                                                   |
| Software                                                     |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Marketing and Public Relations</b>                        |                                                                                                   |

| Training And Technical Assistance Needs                      | Choose up to 10<br>Priority Needs --- Rate<br>items 1-10 with 1 being<br>most important |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                         |
| Presentation/Workshop Skills                                 |                                                                                         |
| Community Awareness                                          | 4                                                                                       |
| <b>Networking Strategies</b>                                 |                                                                                         |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                         |
| Electronic                                                   |                                                                                         |
| Among CILs & SILCs                                           |                                                                                         |
| Community Partners                                           |                                                                                         |
| <b>Program Planning</b>                                      |                                                                                         |
| General Overview of Program Management and Staff Development | 5                                                                                       |
| CIL Executive Directorship Skills Building                   |                                                                                         |
| Conflict Management and Alternative Dispute Resolution       |                                                                                         |
| First-Line CIL Supervisor Skills Building                    |                                                                                         |
| IL Skills Modules                                            |                                                                                         |
| Peer Mentoring                                               |                                                                                         |
| Program Design                                               |                                                                                         |
| Time Management                                              |                                                                                         |
| Team Building                                                |                                                                                         |
| <b>Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Populations</b>          |                                                                                         |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                         |
| Disability                                                   | 6                                                                                       |
| Minority                                                     | 7                                                                                       |
| Institutionalized Potential Consumers                        |                                                                                         |
| Rural                                                        | 8                                                                                       |
| Urban                                                        |                                                                                         |
| <b>SILC Roles/Relationship to CILs</b>                       |                                                                                         |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                         |
| Development of State Plan for Independent Living             |                                                                                         |
| Implementation (monitor & review) of SPIL                    | 10                                                                                      |
| Public Meetings                                              |                                                                                         |
| Role and Responsibilities of Executive Board                 |                                                                                         |
| Role and Responsibilities of General Members                 |                                                                                         |
| Collaborations with In-State Stakeholders                    |                                                                                         |
| <b>CIL Board of Directors</b>                                |                                                                                         |
| General Overview                                             |                                                                                         |
| Roles and Responsibilities                                   |                                                                                         |
| Policy Development                                           |                                                                                         |
| Recruiting/Increasing Involvement                            |                                                                                         |
| <b>Volunteer Programs</b>                                    |                                                                                         |
| General Overview                                             | 9                                                                                       |
| <b>Other</b>                                                 |                                                                                         |
| <b>Optional Areas and/or Comments (write-in)</b>             |                                                                                         |

# **SUBPART VI - STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL) COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE REPORTING YEAR**

Section 704(n) of the Act

## **Section A - Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL**

### **Item 1 - Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals**

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

SPIL 21-24 Objectives/Timeline

Goal 1: Improve Access to Independent Living Supports and Services Statewide.

Goal 2: Improve Awareness of Independent Living Network and Philosophy Statewide.

Goal 3: Improve the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Independent Living Network Statewide.

Objective 1A: Providers of Part B-funded, high-need or new IL services will report an increase in consumers served, as measured each quarter for the fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th, 2021, 2022, and 2023).

Objective 1B: Increase the CILs' operating budget through Part B subawards by at least 4% during the October 1, 2022 and October 1, 2023 award periods.

Objective 2A: SILC will increase number of consumers' IL awareness as measured in our annual consumer survey by September 30, 2023.

Objective 2B: SILC will increase accessibility for people with disabilities by November 3, 2023.

Objective 2C: Develop a Statewide youth presence in the IL Network by September 30, 2023.

Objective 2D: The SILC will use their new website to increase awareness of the IL Philosophy Statewide by September 30, 2023.

Objective 3A: SILC will improve our internal processes for SPIL evaluation.

Objective 3B: A resource development plan will be completed and ready to be implemented by October 1, 2023.

Objective 3C: The DSE will increase staff support time to 1.25 FTE that is fully selected, supervised and evaluated by the SILC by September 30, 2023.

Indicators/Action Timelines

2023 & 2024:

1A1. Provide \$70,000 in support Federal Fiscal Year 21 (October 1-September 30), and \$30,000 in Federal Fiscal Years 22 and 23 (October 1-September 30) for new community services and services



with the highest need throughout the State using current data. - Completed, w/ altered budget: \$20,000 to RCIL & \$10,000 to Community Chest Awarded FFY 22 & 23 + \$20,000 each CILs = \$70,000

1B1. Provide support to both Centers for Independent Living for new and ongoing services in Federal Fiscal Year 22 (FFY22) and Federal Fiscal Year 23 (FFY23). - Progress on track through FFY24.

1B2. The SILC will provide Part B supplemental funding for proposed and approved services during fiscal years in which the centers do not receive additional supplemental funding from ACL. - Progress on track through FFY24.

2A3. The SILC will present this as a training at National Conference Workshops to consumers by September 30, 2023. - SILC Presented to Local and Regional Conferences and Coalitions.

2B1. SILC will collaborate to create an accessible NVEASE instructional video on the Secretary of State's web site by September 30, 2023. - This is available on the Secretary of State site in Nevada.

2C3. The youth action council will work with the CIL's to incorporate at least one youth initiative by September 30, 2023. - Youth Leader, Cody Butler collaborated with SILC to present topics of importance to Public News Service, whom SILC utilizes for news articles.

2D2. SILC will show a 50% increase in website views by September 30, 2023. in progress (avg. 100 users per month 1st half of 2022 & avg. 200 users per month 2nd half of 2022; new users totalled 1K in FFY23)

2D3. Consumer surveys will show a 50% increase in IL philosophy awareness by September 30, 2023. - data shows a majority of responders have never heard of SILC. There is no IL philosophy awareness data point within our survey. Ultimately, we can boast a 100% increase in IL Awareness until we can compare this data to the next SPIL data.

3A2. SILC will establish quality assurance measures by September 30, 2023. - SILC discussed process for evaluation of SPIL and decided that, without having funding to hire an outside organization to evaluate the SPIL, we are using best practices and remain open to new ideas, but our current process is working well for us.

Ongoing:

1A1. Provide \$70,000 in support Federal Fiscal Year 21 (October 1-September 30), and \$30,000 in Federal Fiscal Years 22, 23 and 24 (October 1-September 30) for new community services and services with the highest need throughout the State using current data. - We are on track through FFY24.

1A2. The SILC will fund at least one Part B competitive subgrant for services needed each year. - Grantees will provide the SILC with a quarterly report. - On track/Completed.

1A3. The SILC will provide ongoing support for the State-funded Independent Living Program that services all Nevada Counties. - IL Program Progress report will be shared quarterly or more often if services and/or service providers change. - Program staff does an exceptional presentation of data each quarter.

1B3. CILs will provide current quarterly reports to the SILC for all supported activities and for all other notable CIL activities throughout the year. - Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living has given consistent quarterly reports to SILC; however, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living Center has provided one report in FFY23, despite being present at our meetings. NNCIL reporting improved in FY24, but remained inconsistent.

1B4. The CILs will provide the SILC with current quarterly reports on requests for services from consumers so the SILC has valid and current network data on the needs for individuals with disabilities. - Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living has given consistent quarterly reports to SILC; however, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living Center has provided one report in FFY23, despite being present at our meetings. NNCIL reporting improved in FY24 but remained inconsistent.

2B2. The SILC will collaborate with community partners Statewide beginning October 1, 2020 regarding legislative issues for disability and IL philosophy advocacy, education and outreach. - on track/completed.

2D1. The SILC website will have at least 10 partners listed by October 31, 2020 and will add at least two educational or resource links to the news feed each quarter. - on track/completed

3A1. All conference attendees will relay training to the Council by July 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023 at each annual meeting. - done outside of annual meeting in FFY21, done at annual SILC meeting in FFY22 - Members who have attended conferences and trainings have shared valuable takeaways at

each SILC meeting.

3C3. Staff acting in the role of Executive Director (ED) for the SILC will telecommute from outside the DSE office and will meet with at least four community partners by the end of each year.-ongoing and on track; DSE policy states a telecommuting form must be approved annually. In FY2024, approval requirements to continue telecommuting increased to every 6 months.

Ongoing Accomplished:

3C1. The SILC Chair will supervise the 1.0 FTE Executive Director (ED) for assigned SILC duties beginning October 1, 2020.-included in SILC policies on time.

3C2. The Executive Director will supervise support staff at .25 FTE for assigned SILC duties beginning October 1, 2020.-surpassed with addition of staff until FY2024, when an internal staffing issue caused the SILC to lose the additional staffing and is now down to .25 FTE for support staff under the ED's supervision.

FFY24 objectives continued as previously stated and are carried over in SPIL extension with a technical amendment-no substantial amendment was required and all indicators were completed as scheduled.

## **Item 2 - SPIL Information Updates**

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSE administration of the ILS program.

The Executive Director has started the process of filing paperwork for SILC to become a 501c3; however, during FY24, SILC lost the full time support staff the DSE was providing, and is still waiting for legislature to determine additional staffing support by the DSE. The SILC has become seriously understaffed during this final fiscal year and has no additional assistance outside of the .25 FTE Administrative duties offered. This has caused hardship in hiring and training a new Youth Leader as well as additional tasks taken on by the ED that were previously done by the Administrative Assistant that was dedicated to the Council in the past.

## **Section B - Significant Activities and Accomplishments**

If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSE and SILC not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

SILC managed to remain autonomous from the DSE despite their efforts to derail our functionality and disempower us. Leadership within SILC pulled together to stay strong in the face of organized opposition from both the DSE and CIL's in the State. A strong leadership team was able to work together to defend SILC and allow the Council to continue to work toward progress and complete goals.

## **Section C - Substantial Challenges**

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSE and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSE; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

SILC had significant challenges during FFY24 that prevented the Council from improving in most areas. SILC had to defend our autonomy against the DSE, lost ground with our relationship with VR due to our partner's relationship becoming strained (the NGCDD), and experienced significant challenges with lack of communication from the Governor's Office regarding applications that were not approved without explanation or notification. SILC actually lost support staff time and faced an increasingly politicized climate within the disability community that required SILC to back away from private efforts in order to remain nonpartisan. We have had a difficult time maintaining training among Council members and have had agenda topics that are questionable as to their importance when viewing the IL Network established needs as a whole. These conversations, unfortunately, have taken time that may have otherwise been utilized to address SPIL evaluation discussions and other data-driven priorities of the IL Network to the dismay of the more seasoned members and CIL representative on the Council.

## **Section D - Additional Information**

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, SILC had ensured all directions from ACL were followed to complete the steps necessary to determine RCIL's 725 compliance. After the CIL's discussed the matter with ACL behind our backs, they spun the story in such a way that ACL completely changed the requirements to establish the 725 compliance of RCIL and we now have to start from scratch with a different process. SILC takes no preference with RCIL's status; however, we felt as if we were being held accountable for what was later deemed to be an incomplete assessment when we actually followed the instructions given to us by our ACL representative at the time. We also believe that whatever was said by the CIL's to ACL leadership without our knowledge or participation has also created a rift in our relationship with ACL that we do not know how to address since we were not present during those conversations and are unsure what was said. It is frustrating and unfair to possibly have our reputation tarnished and not even have an opportunity to hear the accusations or complaints against us or have an opportunity to address them as they were brought up.

# PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE (PHWF) - DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
|                  |                         |
| Grant Number     |                         |
| Reporting Period | 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024 |
| State            | NV                      |

## Item 1 - Total Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)

|                                              |   |
|----------------------------------------------|---|
| Total Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) | 0 |
|----------------------------------------------|---|

## Item 2 - Type of Public Health Professional(s) Hired

| Type                             | # |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Case Investigator                | 0 |
| Contact Tracer                   | 0 |
| Social Support Specialist        | 0 |
| Community Health Worker          | 0 |
| Public Health Nurse              | 0 |
| Disease Intervention Specialist  | 0 |
| Epidemiologist                   | 0 |
| Program Manager                  | 0 |
| Laboratory Personnel             | 0 |
| Informaticians                   | 0 |
| Communication and Policy Experts | 0 |

## Item 3 - The Activities They Are Engaged In To Advance Public Health

# SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSE directors(s) and SILC chairperson.

Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh - Signed Digitally

04/10/2025

SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

DATE

Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh - Chair

(925) 899-4651

NAME AND TITLE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

PHONE NUMBER

Dena Schmidt - Signed Digitally

03/31/2025

SIGNATURE OF DSE DIRECTOR

DATE

Dena Schmidt - Administrator

(775) 400-0588

NAME AND TITLE OF DSE DIRECTOR

PHONE NUMBER