

## **INSILC Public Meeting Transcript – 4.09.2025**

>> MIKE: All right, t.anks, everybody. I needed to work on the tech sid

>> This is Abby speaking, I'm sorry, did I miss something? I hope we're not having a moment of silence.

>> MIKE: No, Kacie Weldy, our chair, cannot be with us, and Luis is going to host the meeting, and he's having difficulty getting on,

and as he's sorting that out, we're giving him a few minutes to get signed O.

>> I apologize, I had to step away from my device, so I apologize for my not paying attention.

>> MIKE: No, you're totally fine, and so I ask for patience as we ask for a bit more for Luis to get on.

>> Not a problem, thank you, Mike.

>> MIKE: N.

>> I just saw Lisa as our ASL interpreter, so you should see an invite come through.

great, and then Lisa, I'm going to make you a cohost for the meeting and then folks who need to pin you can do that.

>> Is there a second interpreter? I thought there were two of us.

>> Mike: There's another one coming from ALS sign, but they have not be joined the meeting yet. You're fine, I just made you a cohost

for the meeting. And now people can continue if they need you.

Interpreter: Okay.

>> Okay, I see Luis has joined. And I see you're on, and I'm going to move you to a panelist. I just moved you to a panelist and you

should be able to accept that.

>> Luis: Can you hear me?

>> Mike: Yes, coming through fine.

>> Luis: I'm sorry, technical difficulties, something else.

>> Mike: That's all right, Luis, you're in at about 2:10, and I think that still gets you in the window of being fashionably late. So

you're just making your grand entrance. Hosting our meeting.

>> Luis: Add to my anxiety and stress. Where are we at, if you don't mind?

>> Mike: We have been patiently waiting for your arrival, so we can start at the top of the agenda. And it looks like we have most of

our folks. I will continue to monitor the attendee list and let folks in as needed.

>> Luis: Okay, so at the welcome Mark.

>> that's correct.

>> Luis: This is a council meeting for Wednesday, April 9th, 2025. And I'm sorry for my lateness. So we're going to call it to

order. Open meeting, right? And then we're going to do roll call, right?

>> Mike: Yes, we'll go through a roll call attendance, and I'll help you with that.

>> Luis: I was going to ask you, Sir, can you assist me with the roll call, please?

>> Mike: If the members can let me know if they're present when I call their name, I appreciate that.

Kacie Weldy, our chair, and I know she was unable to attend today, up next, Luis, our vice chair, are you in?

>> Luis: I am here.

>> Mike: Anna Thompson Jones, our treasurer.

>> Here.

>> Mike: Jennifer Davis, our secretary.

>> Here.

>> Mike: Amy Browning harville.

>> Here.

>> Anna Thompson Jones..

>> Here.

>> Mike: I know Kayleigh said she would not be here today. Did I see Linda.

>> She's on her way and will be here soon.

>> Mike: Laura kiterman. I didn't see her on my list, and she's absent today. Gary, I know he would not be here today. Christina

Trimnrl, and Catherine Vest..

>> I'm here as well.

>> Mike: Thank you both. And then we have our nonvoting members, Abigail Fleenor, our past chair.

>> I am here.

>> Mike: Thanks, Abby. Amy Luellen, our FSSA and DSA rep.

>> This is Catherine Vest, can you let Carrie in?

>> Mike: Did Linda sign on? .

>> No, it's Carrie. She's the other interpreter and she needs to get in.

>> Mike: Yes, yes. I'm sorry about that. I didn't know Carrie was our interpreter. I see you on my list as an attendee and I just sent

you an invite to be promoted to a panelist. And once you accept that, I will make you a cohost as well. So the folks who need your

services can pin you.

okay, Carrie, thanks, I see you as an attendee.

>> Thank you so much.

>> Mike: All right. And Kerry, I just made you a cohost as well. Thanks for letting me know, Catherine, I appreciate that.

And continuing with our roll call of attendance. We just had Abby, so up next, Amy Luellen, our representative from the FFSA and the

DAC.

>> Thank you, I'm here.

>> Mike: Thank you, and next on the list, Leslie, our services rep and we found out since the last meeting that Leslie is no longer

with the FFSA, so she will not be with us, and we'll figure out what to do with that position in the future. Up next, Cierra Olivia

Thomas-Williams, one of our INSILC nominees.

I'm not seeing Cierra yet. And next, Dave SCHLEPENBACH, one of our nominees, and Linda is one of our nominees. And we have a

couple of guest attendees, that would be me as the INSILC executive director, Mike Foddrill, I'm here present and then we have

Cierra, and Kurtz, since we did not have a report, she's not here today.

Interpreter: Can the interpreter pop in for a second? Is there another interpreter here as well?

>> Yes, there should be two.

Interpreter: Yes, I didn't see you and I tried to let you know I was on.

Interpreter: I can't see you, I don't see you on the panel on the right side side.

Interpreter: Go on for 15, and I'll take over.

>> Mike: Okay. All right, thank you both. And so that would be our roll call for attendees, and our roll call is set. And

do you want me to go to accessibility?

>> Luis: Before that, we'll have the chat open for questions and comments, and everybody knows if they wish to ask our make comments,

that way. And then do we have a quorum? I'm sorry.

>> Mike: Yes, we do..

>> That's coming up.

>> Luis: Sorry, I got ahead of myself. And Mike, can you give me the statement of accessibility, please?

>> Mike: Yes, so everybody is aware, we have ASL interpreter at this meeting, and we have captioning that's available Via the link in

the chat. And if anybody has issues can accessibility, you can reach out to me. M Fodrill at Indiana SLIC. You can text me in the

meeting. (317)514-6145. Thank you.

>> Luis: Thank you, Mike. So now we move onto the next item on the agenda, right? And that would be approval of the meeting minutes

for January 8th. Am I ahead of myself?

>> Mike: We have the quorum first, and we want to identify that we have a quorum.

>> Luis: I'm sorry, we do have a quorum and I'm sorry.

>> Jennifer: How many voting members are there? I didn't catch the count, Mike.

>> Mike: We have 7 of the 15.

>> Jennifer: So 58%. Oh, 7 of -- so 12 voting members, so are you saying there are 7 of the 12 pretty? So 58%. Present. And I did not

do that in my head.

>> Mike: That's okay.

>> Luis: Thank you, Jennifer, right?

>> Jennifer: Yes, we have a quorum.

>> Luis: Very good. So now question move onto the next item, right?

>> Jennifer: Yes.

>> Luis: And moving onto the approval of the meeting minutes for January 8th, 2025.

>> Jennifer: Yes.

>> Luis: So help me out, Mike, if you don't mind.

>> Mike: Yes, so everybody got a copy of the minutes with the email that went out last week with the material. Does anybody have any

changes or anything that they would like to discuss on the minutes before we move to approve them. Okay, then Luis, are you okay if we

do a roll call?

>> Anna: Mike, this is Anna and I believe Catherine has her hand up.

>> Mike: What was your it comment?

>> Catherine: So I did want to discuss the minutes.

>> Mike: Sure.

>> Catherine: So as we talked about, the nonvoting members, if they're not in the meeting, are they absent? So do we cancel them out?

Or how do we do that?

>> Mike: That's a good question, so they would not vote if they're not here. But we do have a quorum. We have enough folks to approve

what we need.

>> Catherine: Okay, that was my question, thank you so much.

>> Mike: You're welcome.

go ahead, Luis.

>> Luis: I'm sorry, this is Luis, and no other comments related to the January 8th meeting minutes? If not, then --

>> Anna: I'm sorry, I'm just seeing in the questions that Kerry has asked to be highlighted and I didn't see where we had an answer,

this is Anna, and I forgot to identify myself.

>> Mike: That is all right. And I should be able to highlight Kerry.

Kerry, you should be spotlighted now. And actually Kerry, typically what we do, we make you cohost and that way someone can highlight

you if they need to. And that way folks who don't need to see you don't have to. They can see the speaker.

okay.

Interpreter: Thank you.

>> Mike: You're welcome, and so now, Luis, are you okay if I do a roll call to approve the minutes?

>> Luis: Yes, please.

>> Mike: Start at the top, Luis, what is your vote on the minutes?

>> Yay

>> Mike: Anna Thompson Jones.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Jennifer Davis.

>> Yes

>> Mike: Amy.

>> Mike: I vote to approve.

>> Mike: Ann Barnhart.

>> Yes

>> Mike: Christina Trimnrl.

>> Yes

>> Mike: And Catherine Vest.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Great. Thank you, and then by unanimous approval, the minutes from January are approved.

>> Luis: Thank you all, and moving onto the next item on the agenda, correct?

>> Mike: Yes.

>> Luis: That would be ongoing communication.

>> Jennifer: That is me. Okay, this is Jennifer Davis, ongoing communication, our next upcoming public meeting will be Wednesday, July 9th

from 2:00 to 4:00 eastern time.

Interpreter: The interpreter is speaking and Catherine has a question and she has her hand raised. I just wanted to let you know

that --

>> Linda Greeno is waiting.

Interpreter: Thank you, Linda is waiting to get into the meeting and she's having a hard time getting in.

>> Can she be made as a panelist?

>> Yes, I don't see her on the attendee list and I just sent her a link and hopefully she's able to join.

Interpreter: Okay, thank you.

>> Mike: You're welcome.

>> Jennifer: All right, so our next public meeting will be on Wednesday, July 9th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

eastern time. Is that a new time?

>> Mike: It is a new time, yes, we moved these back for an hour to avoid a conflict for Kacie. they used to be

1:00 to 3:00 eastern and they will now be 2:00 to 4:00.

>> Jennifer: That will be the following one for July and the next one is September 10th and that's a new month for meetings.

>> Mike: That's correct. And just so you guys know, part of the reason we do that, we'll be better aligned for deliverables for

HSSA. So we had meetings to approve the council members at one time or approve the PPR and if we adjust by one month when we have the

meetings, there should be less need to do the ad hoc or sudden meetings, and hopefully this will put us on a good track moving forward

and the next meeting is a month earlier.

>> Jennifer: That's it for the next two upcoming meetings, and then we move onto the next item on the agenda, the hyper meeting goal

and we look to Mike for an update on that.

>> Mike: Yes, we wanted to look on here to look into a hybrid meeting, and at the last meeting we had in January, we do the

post-Meeting surveys, and I sent it out to everyone who teamed and we gotta 15 of those back, and 85% of the people who responded said

that they would only want to come virtually and they would not come in person to those meetings, so at this time, we're going

to continue were those virtual meetings, but we'll continue with the post-Survey after the meeting. And so everyone today, you had the

opportunity to fill out the survey and if we start to see more of a hybrid option, we'll look at that, but now, because most folks want

virtually, we're going to continue with the virtual meetings as we're doing today.

>> Jennifer: Thank you for the update. The next item on the agenda, communication of roles for our public meetings, and the

speaker's time today, how long?

>> Mike: 3 minutes.

>> Jennifer: So any speakers will have 3 minutes to talk, and the facilitator will state when the time limit has ended. Let me catch

the rest of my notes here.

>> Mike: Yes.

>> Jennifer: All right, I'm lost in my notes, okay. So if you have any additional comments, if you are not comfortable speaking and you

want to make sure that your opinion is heard, you can email the INSILC chair, Kacie Weldy, and her email is chair at Indiana SILC.org

and that is CHAIR the@sign, Indiana SILC.org. When it is your time to speak, if you can identify yourself before speaking and speak in

normal tone, and speak just to help us with the interpreting accessibility. And if you could please maintain professionalism, that

would be great and we appreciate it.

our public comment period will be open for a total of 15 minutes today.

>> Mike: Okay. Thank you, Jennifer. And I see that Linda joined on her Iphone, so Lind A. I'm promoting you to panelist for the

meeting, so I just sent you a link, and you should get one as panelist and then you should be set.

okay, and then with that, Luis, do you want my to monitor the public comment?

>> Luis: Yes, please.

>> Mike: Absolutely. And so first up, I see Jordan with her hand raised. So Jordan, I'm going to allow you to speak. Okay? And then

Jordan, you should be good to go..

>> Hi, this is Jordan with Everybody Counts. I first just wanted to say that the chat is disabled. The Q&A is on, but the chat is

disabled.

>> Mike: Jordan, I'm just popping in, are you not able to see the chat? I see it, but I want to make sure that it's available for

everybody.

>> The webinar chat is disabled.

>> Mike: Relative humidity see if I can turn it O.

>> And also my comment was for the SIL representative. But honestly, anyone could answer. My question is why now thought it would be

important or at least thought to give a heads-up to Everybody Counts and Everybody Counts north regarding the boxed luncheon at the

statehouse yesterday.

>> AMY: I don't know why that question is directed at me.

>> You're the SIL representative, so I thought -- honestly, anyone could answer, so I was assuming that you would want to share that

information with all of the SILs. It was an event for all of the centers to ask for some more funding. However, our two centers were

not informed and I'm wondering whose responsibility was it to inform our two centers and why we were not informed instead.

>> AMY: Well, that's interesting. I think that perhaps we should be a little more consistent about -- I don't know, when it comes to

Everybody Counts, and Everybody Counts north, there seems to be a discrepancy here about who they feel represents them. So

that's that in itself brings up a question.

>> I'm still not getting an answer to my question.

>> AMY: I cannot answer it.

>> You don't have to answer it. I said anyone who can answer it. I'm wondering why our two centers were purposely left out because

that's how it feels. Mike, you can answer too, as the executive director, you could have answered as well.

>> Amy, if you don't mind, that was put on by Independence Indiana and the partnership and I know the groups involved with that one are

the ones that hosted that event yesterday.

>> And you're the executive director and I sent you emails and I'm just wondering why we were not informed is all.

>> Mike: I can appreciate that. I Amextive director of INSILC but not for independence Indiana. But I know there are lots that can be

confusing and it's confusing for me sometimes too.

>> I don't think that I'll get an answer then, that's all, thank you.

>> Mike: Thank you, Jordan..

>> And looking to see who else has their hand raised.

okay, I see Jeremy warner and Breanna, so Jeremy, I'm going to allow you to talk..

>> Thank you U. can hear me?

>> Mike: Yes, you're coming through fine.

>> Okay, G.

>> I have something that I want to share with all of you, but yards yards to the conversation that just did take place, the one comment

there that I wanted to acknowledge is that the center director representative made the comment that it's questionable who Everybody

Counts representatives them. And I'm not asking you to respond. I'm just stating that your role as the center director representative

to INSILC is to representative all of the centers regardless of what anybody else perceives. So that comment doesn't really make any

sense, unless you're trying to avoid your responsibility to representative all of the centers, and for a year now, I've watched this

independence Indiana versus all of the other SILS, what is the actual SIL network? At the end of the day, there are ten centers in

this state. And it doesn't make sense, and it really seems absolutely inefficient for the people with disabilities who rely upon the

centers to function together, and for INSILC to lead that in regards to the themes like having a strong network of centers for

independent living in the state, that we can actually get to the point where the people who live in this state, who have lived in the

state for years with disabilities, know what a Center for Independent Living is, and why they should be engaged with them. And it

should be a two-way street where all of the centers, and yeah, the state Independent Living council is reaching out to all of us to let

us know what we need to do to support you. And so when I hear conversations about a legislative luncheon that was for all of the

legislatures, one would assume that all of the centers would have been invited to that. It's disappointing to me to hear on this

meeting that that wasn't the case. And really, this leads me into what I wanted to talk about, which is the fact, and Jeremy Warner, I

have my own business, walking spirit and I'm an individual with a disability, who is a business owner trying to get off of disability

benefits, so my work is to consult with public accommodations really focused on the hospitality industry on being more accessible, and

as part of that, I have the honor of coordinating the disability empowerment conference, nothing about us without us, and the party

who retained me to do this conference for them, that will be happening August 27th to the 31st. And over the last couple of

weeks I had emailed all of the center directors that I have addresses for, and I also emailed Mike at INSILC, and in light of the

fact that since inauguration day, the disability community has been under constant attack through changes in policy and executive

order, and funding freezes. The disband.

The ACL. It is all the more important that we reach new leaders in the disability community with disabilities throughout our state and

provide the training that this conference will provide, which is focused on disability history, culture, rights, advocacy and community

engagement.

and honestly, I would really appreciate a public commitment from every member of the state independent living council to take this

information and communicate it out to all of the people with disabilities throughout the state to give us the chance to

provide that training to as many people as we can. And Everybody Counts is funding the hotel rooms, the parking and two meals per day

as well as all of the infrastructure behind the conference. So we're doing an application and interview process, because we can only

afford to cover 50 people. But that's 50 new leaders throughout the state who will understand how we got the rights that right now

people are asking whether or not we're going to lose them. So it's all the more important that they understand how we got those rights,

and if we do start to lose them, we continue to fight to uphold those civil rights throughout our state. I still truly believe that the

state independent living council can make a tremendous difference for all of the people across our state and that's why I'm asking

for that commitment. And I will also be sending additional language for you to send out to the individuals that you would refer to

this particular event. I am available to answer any questions. You can reach me at Jeremy at [walking spirit.org](mailto:walkingspirit.org). And I really really

would love to see our state put whatever political differences we have, and whatever other differences we have aside when it comes to

the mission of the Independent Living philosophy, and that we promote everyone in our state who is working to forward that. Because we

really do need those new advocates and leaders to continue to uphold the work. Even if the infrastructure that's intended to support

that work goes away.

>> Mike: Okay, and that's the end of your time, Jeremy, thank you.

>> AMY: May I please? I just wanted to respond to one thing. I just wanted to say that independence Indiana, that association, is

entirely separate from INSILC as well as separate from the entire network, so I just wanted to make that clarification on that. Thank

you.

>> Mike: Thank you, Amy, appreciate that. And then I see, looking at the list here, I've got a Breanna. Would you like to make a

comment? I'm going to open that up for you. Okay, Breanna, you should be good to go now..

>> Okay, can everybody hear me?

>> Mike: Yes, coming through fine.

>> So yes, my name is Brianne A I will start my comment just with something that I had put in the Q&A, that I'm very disappointed with

the minutes from the January meeting. Again, we're having the same issues where you're putting people's names under comments, but

you're not even giving them the dignity of a last name, and I even spelled mine out for you guys, and then you're not giving them the

dignity of having that comment included in the minutes, so it just looks like someone said something, but nobody knows what they

said. So I'm quite disappointed with that. So leading into the main comment that I wanted to make, I personally feel like it should not

matter who is in charge of whether you're independence Indiana is separate or whether INSILC is separate. It should not matter because

as a movement, we should all be connected. So that information should be shared, regardless. And as the person who is supposed to be

the representative of all of the centers, whether we agree with that or not through Everybody Counts, I think that it's your

responsibility to share that information anyway. And again, going back to what Jeremy had just said, that is also -- that falls into

Mike's shoulders to share that information, especially because the wording of the documents that you're giving to these ledge

similarities is saying Centers for Independent Living as a general statement and it's not specifying independence Indiana or any

specific center. It's only saying Centers for Independent Living, which Everybody Counts and Everybody Counts north R so I think that

it's important that we should have been notified and it's very disappointing that we were not, but we were still there, and I just want

to say that you guys are welcome, for the legislature turnout because of us. And that's my comment..

>> Thank you, Breanna, I appreciate that. And one piece on your question, the minutes, and I think that they

are going to continue to be structured the way they are, but we're posting the transcripts for the meeting, and I just added that. And

it was not until today. I had to figure out how to get that uploaded. If you look now on our home page, [INSILC.org](http://INSILC.org), and you scroll down

to the section that says the past meeting, the scripts for the January meeting are there. And I will get the transcript for this

meeting in April posted probably within a week of this meeting, so we're going to start posting the minutes expert transcripts and that

will have all of those comments. I am looking now at my panelist list, and I do not see any other hands raised. Oh, I see Leslie. And

Leslie, you'll be our last commenter for this session, but we have another public comment session coming up later in the meeting so,

Leslie, I'm going to allow you to talk, and then you'll be our last for this session..

. Can you hear me? Thank you for the opportunity. I -- my birthday is coming up next week. And I'm going to be 73 years old.

>> Luis: Happy birthday..

>> Thank you. And what it brought with it though is me thinking about what happened to me 40 years ago. 40 years ago, on the 18th of

may, my life changed forever. And I felt alone, I felt like my life was over all because of an accident, and all because of how I

looked at people with disabilities. Because I viewed that as being weak or whatever. I had a very high-profile job in state government,

so there was no -- the idea of me turning around and not doing anything was not there. So I had to keep working. I felt embarrassed, I

had to be lifted on to stages to give -- I once talked to 350 principals, superintendents and school board members across the state of

Indiana, and I had to literally be lifted on to the stage because that was before ADA and all. And it was the most embarrassing and

humiliating thing I ever experienced. But you know, all of that, and you know, I've always had to say to myself, it wasn't just me that

went through that.

My husband, he was alone too, because this is new for him. Suddenly, we could do things, ride bikes and do this, and so there's a lot

of people how the there, and I see a lot of people coming. I'm getting to the end of my life. But I'm seeing people like Jordan and

people like that that are still very young, and they have a lot of road to go. But our new people that we're dealing with all the time

come in, and oh, I had a horrible automobile accident and I'm 23 years old and my life is going to change. And we've got to be able to

somehow, just like Jeremy, for 28 years, I knew nothing about Independent Living. And I didn't live in this state, but I lived in

Arizona. Never, I bumped into Independent Living by accident. And that's not the way it ought to be. And right now, we are facing such

a crisis. We're being literally being erased. We're the very definition of diversity, equity and inclusion. Our programs R so what do

you think is going to happen if that's removing it from everything. We have \$800 billion. They're going to try to cut \$800 billion out

of Medicaid. What do we think that's going to do for home and community based services? For a lot of the people that we're

working with. You know, it's going to mean people are institutionalized because they can't afford to do anything else. The whole idea

of the watering down the 504, the state of Indiana filed onto that lawsuit to water down 504. Moving children with disabilities into

out of the Department of education under Health and Human Services. The medical mile which we tried to get away from. It's trying to

gut and get rid of the Department of education, how do -- those are the issues that we should be dealing with. Not data collection

groups, not surveys, not all of this crap. We need to be a vocal, concerned, out there, you know, group, a coalition of people. That's

a lot what the conference is going to do? We can't afford to have this -- words on paper are just words, and with out any action, we

have nothing.

>> Mike: I'm sorry to interrupt, you are at 3 minutes. So just wanted to let you know that, but we will have another public comment

session towards the end of the meeting, so if you would like to make another comment, you are more than welcome to then.

>> All right, thank you.

>> Mike: Thank you, Leslie. And then Luis, that brings us to the end of our 15-minute session for public comment. And we're ready to

move onto the next piece of the agenda.

>> Luis: Okay, this is Luis, and Mike, I'm going to need your assistance with the next item on the agenda, please.

>> Mike: Sure, and the next piece of the agenda, we're going to get into the committee and state update reports, so the first one on

that agenda is my executive director report. So I'm happy to kind of walk you guys through this.

because again, you guys would have seen this with the material that came out last week. So the first part of that report, I want to let

you know about the SPIL approval. So if you remember, the last time we met in January, we talked about how ACL had given us a

corrective action plan, where they asked us to go back into the SPIL and update on some information, how we get public input, and the

way that we kind of take that, and the way we use data and the way we get input from all of the centers in the public would be the key

pieces of that. And since we sent that response to them in January, they came back and asked us to put in a little bit more detail into

that, and we were able to do that. And we worked with -- we had a technical adviser who was -- her name is Liz, and she was an

executive director of a SIL in California. And she had a lot of good input about things that we should put into our cap and things

that we wanted to make sure that we kind of touched upon. So we did put a lot of things in here, and we'll bring this up for approval

as a council document later in the meeting, but I do think that we're in a lot better position, and it goes into a lot better detail

about the organizations that we're going to work with in the community and the way that we're going to structure our feedback, and I

also sent everybody a copy of methodologies that we're going to use to reach out to the public. And this is also something that they

recommended that our technical adviser had recommended with a lot of good, I think, ways to do that. Some of the things that are in

here, this would have been in the group we saw too, but there are things like doing focus groups, and surveys and questionnaires,

conducting interviews with people with disabilities, having advisory committees or panels, doing public consultations in town has. And

doing collaboration was organizations, and we talked about using digital surveys and digital means to do that. Doing community based

supportive research. And then having public comment periods, and having collaborative work groups and thinking sessions, and then

doing accessibility audits. And the document that I sent you guys listed a lot more of how we do those things, but we want to get

feedback from the council and all of the committee members on what they thought about these methodologies, and not all of them, but

putting together a list of possibility so we could get feedback from you and across the state on ways they think would be best to

gather that public input. I really think that the cap is going to put us in a good position moving forward and I like to look at these

things as a way to grow and improve. And I think that the feedback we got from ACL and the technical adviser is going to put us in a

good position to do awful get things that we wrote about in the SPIL. And will put us in a good position when we write the next SPIL

in a couple of years to have say stronger one. So we'll go through that approval process again later on.

but I feel like that was a good -- a good thing, something that I felt strongly F we sent that to ACL for them to review at the end of

March. So right at the end of March, and I'm sure that most folks are aware that ACL is going through some of their own intern changes

and things, so I have not heard back yet. I got an initial response that said that it looked much better and we'll review it when they

can. But they're going through their transition, so I'm not sure how long it will take to hear. But I'm sure that everybody knows once

we get the initial feedback from ACL. And then two, we consider the SPIL and other related documents to be public documents so, once

they approve the cap for today's meeting, I'll post that to the website. So we'll get that up there. And then the next piece on my

executive director report is the SSA contract. And -- and FFSA is extending our contract by one year, and we'll get the same that year

as we got this year, and as you don't know, we get reimbursed for FFSA for delivering a set of deliverables for them. And like a

meeting like today, we can bill the state for, and every time we submit for the governor for approval, it's something that we can get

reimbursed there too, and there are other ones too. And with this current climate and the political situation, we wanted to have

something in there that was data driven and it was tied to the SPIL. So we kind of work with the team in the state with Amy and

Virginia base to come one a good metric, and what we're going to do is put in there that over a year, so over the course of the year,

that we would have a 5% increase in the amount of activities that we do, and we could measure that in terms of the actual number of

activities that we do, in terms of the number of hours that we spend doing community outreach and the number of people that we are able

to connect W what we have done in the past, last year we did an annual report and I gave this to you guys, I think it might have been

at the last meeting or maybe the one before, but it was a community activities report. And we talked about everything that we did for

the year. And now with this new with FFSA, we're going to report to them quarterly, so that will be a change for us, but it's not new

data that we're tracking, but it will be that we report to them quarterly, and that will be another billable for us as well. So that's

up coming and we'll approve that in a bit

>> AMY: Mike, if I can interrupt. This is Amy and I believe that the percentage that we're looking for is just 2%, isn't that with the

SPIIL says? I'm pretty sure.

>> Mike: You're okay, and I appreciate that.

Sorry, I misspoke. I said 5, but if it's 2, and 2, I'm going to let you know, it's a good tie-in to the next part of my report, which

is the report on the public forums. So last year, in fiscal year 2024, that would have ended for us in September of last year, and the

community activities that we did. We talked through the course of the year, 485 people. That's how we track it over year. And since

this fiscal year, from October to the end of March, we have already talked to 530. So we are already well over that for just the number

of people that we're going to see in it about half a year, so we're going to easily hit that 2-5% number of people for sure, and it

puts us in a good position moving forward. And part of the reason we're going to to do that, the Town Hall events that we're

having. So one of the things, we just had our first in-person Town Hall. And that was in Lafayette. It was last Monday, the 31st

. And I would say to the council, I think it was a success. I think it was a good first incertain event. A couple of good things that

we did, a couple of things that we can improve on. It was at the Tippecanoe fair grounds, so a big meeting hall, if you can imagine, a

county or state fair, in one of those big meeting rooms, and it was good in a couple of areas. It had great physical accessibility, so

there were power doors and lots of accessible parking and the parking lot was flat and easy to get in, and accessible rest rooms right

off of our meeting room. That part was great. And we did really well there. One thing that I didn't consider well enough were the

acoustics of the room. With this being one of those large rooms that you imagine at fairgrounds, there was a lot of echo and that made

it difficult for some folks to hear the speakers, and there was a P.A. system, a sound system that we used for the event and that went

out a couple of times, and we had to fiddle with a couple of the microphones to get them to work. And that's an area that we can

definitely improve. We partnered with the group called the oasis community up in Lafayette. And they did a disability resource fair

in the building nextdoor to us, and they had about 50 vendors talking about services in Lafayette. And it was great, the people were

able to go back and forth at our event and theirs. In terms of our event, we had a Q&A with policymakers and we were able to get two

policymakers there, and we had the CEO of city bus, the transportation in will Fayette. And we had the chief of police there. They

answered questions on how they serve people with disabilities, and how they incorporate feedback into their services and then they did

a Q&A. So half an hours' worth of questions from the community. That was good.

we have the transcript for that Q&A is on our website as well. And that's up on a few places and we were able to post that.

As I mentioned, there were a couple of audio issues, so there are a couple of parts on that transcript where it says inaudible. So you

can hear it. And we have the transcript up as best we could. And we'll take that feedback about the audio issues into the planning of

the next event. We didn't have everybody register when they came in, it was optional because we wanted to make it free and open for

folks to come in. We think we had about 30, 35 attendees and that number is not where we want it to be. So it's something that we need

to continue to work on. We did do a post-Event survey, so when I look at that, a couple of things that we did really well, we had a

nice cross-section of different kinds of disabilities and different types of folks represented. And the feedback we got, the

Spreadsheet for the SPIL committee, but I will read that to you guys, and I think it's good. Physical disability is 43% of the

folks. 17% reported chronic illness. 20% reported a sensory disability. 20% reported a cognitive disability. And 45% reported

other. And 27% preferred not to answer, and those numbers do equal when you add them up. And they're more than 100% because folks

could Mark more than one. So from that perspective, it was a good cross-section. When we look at the location of folks that

attended. 75% were from Northwest Indiana and that was okay because the event was in Lafayette. 15% from central, 5% from

northeast. And 5% from southwest. So I think that the geographic split for the event in the Northwest is pretty good. The age split for

tus was interesting. And so I won't read through all of these categories for you. But the largest category that we had, that 46-55 was

55% of our attendees, and when I compare this to the virtual Town Hall that we did in December, the age statistics are pretty similar,

but one area we did better at this time was getting that 18-35. We had 15% of the responders were in the 18-35 range, where in

December, we didn't have any there. So I would credit that to partnering with the oasis community. That resource fair attracts younger

families, and families with younger children. So that's how we were able to bridge that gap. Of concern, I think for us moving forward

is one area we want to work on is the split of racial ethnic backgrounds. So for this event and the virtual event. 80% of the attendees

said that they were white or Caucasian and 20% identified themselves as black or African-American. And those are the only two racial

backgrounds that we had represented at either event so.

one thing for us that we need to do better at outreach to the Hispanic and Native American community and Asian community and all of our

other communities here in Indiana. So that's something that we'll do. Continue to reach out to our friends in the network to do that.

We have the energies for the cap in the SPIL that we talked about. And it will lay out ways to market to those groups, but that's an

area that we have to focus on. Also, another statistic for this event. When he asked folks how accessible the event was, 60% said

very accessible. 20% said somewhat accessible. And 20% said somewhat inaccessible. And the folks who said somewhat

inaccessible were again due to the audio and the acoustic issues. And we had our roundtable coverings. Those were in one room, and it

made it difficult for folks to hear. So that's something that we'll take back and look at when we plan future events. We had

roundtables on five areas, Independent Living network, accessible healthcare, transportation, emergency and disaster preparedness,

and guardianship and guardianship alternatives so.

We were able to capture some of the feedback from that event, from the round tables. I have a lot of that in written format and I'm

currently working on transcribing that now, put it into an Excel spreadsheet and as soon as I get those comments and put it in a format

like Excel, I'll post it to the website. And that will go up to the place where the policymaker for the Q&A. So I think overall, it was

a good first event and there's obviously lots of room to grow, and I'm excited to see when we go forward. And the next event is

planned for late summer in south bend. And I realized that I had placeholder dates on the website. And I realized that the date for

the placeholder in Southbend was June 19th. And I had it pointed out to me, its Juneteenth. A federal holiday, and we're not going

to do it on that date, but we have another date selected to the end of June or July, and then we're going to do fall in Evansville.

And those are the two events that we have upcoming.

the last two Weiss that I want to tell you about for my report. We did hire a new operations manager. Katie Meyers, and she's going to

start with us full-time on Monday. And I think she's going to bring a lot of good skills to this role. She's great at organizing and

seeing the big picture. And she's really good on details and that sort of thing, and she's going to bring a lot of good skills. Some

of the focus that she's going to work on, she's going to run the Zoom and the technical side of the meetings. She's going to

have a lot to do. But brings a lot of good skill for us, and I'm excited to have her onboard. And I will do virtual introductions with

all of the council members when she starts, and we'll put announcement up on the website too. Again, her first day is Monday, Monday

the 14th, so I'm excited about that. And then the last piece is talking about the inclusion institute proposal. One of the goals in

our SPIL was training a minimum of 100 advocates, and we wanted to do that in partnership with our friends at the league, so we're in

conversations about franchising out and how to financially make that work, making their inclusion institute available to other centers

around the state of Indiana. So continuing to be in conversations about logistics and how that would work, and we hope to have

something to share with you guys in June. But that's an exciting project that we're talking through. A lot of good things going on, and

we'll vote officially on some of these things in the future. But I'm pretty excited about where we are. So that's it for my report. So

Luis, that includes my executive director report.

>> Luis: Thank you, Mike, I appreciate that sweet. And I have myself a little bit turned around, so can you help me with the next item

on the agenda, please.

>> Mike: You're fine, and up next would be Anna Thompson Jones with our treasurer report.

>> Luis: Very good..

>> Okay, this is Anna Thompson Jones, and I'm going to give you the treasurer report, and this report is for the year through February

2025. We had \$238,000 received and part of that, or the largest part of that was the Humana grant for \$100,000. And our total

revenue, \$246,384. And then in our expenditures, we had a higher than anticipated or higher than projected expense for computer

software and programs, and that was \$2,880, and that's mostly due to now having staff at INSILC and now that we're doing activities, we

need more software and programs. For our accommodation, that number is also higher, and we're glad that number is higher because we

have people actually using those services. So that's the number that even though it's higher than we anticipated, we're happy that's

where it's at. Our total expenditures is \$68,213. We are underbudget on our expenses at this time and over on our revenue. So that's a

good place to be. We do anticipate our expenditures going up, because as Mike presented in his report, we're doing more activities such

as the town has in the different areas that are unserved. And that's all I have, I believe.

>> Luis: Okay, so that's the treasurer report. And this is Luis, the next item on the agenda is the CIO director representative

report, correct?

>> Mike: Yes, that's right, Luis.

>> Luis: And that is -- I'm sorry -- Amy Browning Varble.

>> AMY: Yes, thank you, this is Amy Browning Varble. And I wanted to follow up on the previous meeting from January. And the topic of

guardianship was raised at that time with a broad assumption made that centers are providing guardianship services throughout the

state. And there was real emphasis on the need to address that topic. So following that meeting, I reached out to all of the

centers. The result is, one, reports providing guardianship services, unanimously all of the centers report promoting the least

restrictive options for consumers. And also, unanimously all centers report interest in participating in a collective conversation

regarding guardianship. So the outcome from that is that Mike had suggested someone versed in guardianship -- who will be requested to

serve as a moderator. And then once that is confirmed, he can reach out to everyone in the network. The entire network to schedule a

collective meeting regarding the topic of guardianship. So that everybody can come together and talk about that and see how -- what the

outcome of that will be. And then, in an effort to assist with understanding what centers are doing, what programs and services each

provides, promote upcoming events and activities, and other things, I reached out to all center directors to enquire if they have any

interest during the regular public meetings to briefly describe and educate others while promoting awareness. And all of the directors

responded. The results from that are that of all of the center directors, 8 of the 9 positively report accepting the opportunity. And

this was short notice, because I sent this out last week, so that means that I volunteered my center to go first because we could be

prepared for this week. Mike F. you don't mind, please, would you mind to promote some of the people? I sent you an email and I don't

know if you received that yet. But Dale Hoss will go first.

>> Mike: Let me know who is going first and I'll get them set up.

>> AMY: Dale is first, and I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce my awesome people because they're great and they have

incredible passion about what it is they do. And Dale first would like to talk about our IL program, and the OIB program that we

provide in the southeastern corner.

>> Mike: Yes, and Dale, you should be able to speak now.

>> Okay, can you hear me?

>> Yes.

>> My name is DAYLE, and I'm a consumer advocate. We are pleased to collaborate with the Independent Living center in Richmond to

provide chapter 2 services in our 6-county area for individuals aged 55 or better with significant vision loss, which cannot be

corrected by basic optical lenses, these things can include blindness, macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetic retin

opathy. Magnifiers, and large print calendars, cooking aids, blood pressure monitors, and fun items like playing carding and bingo

cards. These items are provided free through the grant that we are lucky enough to have with the Independent Living center in

Richmond. These items help our consumers continue to enjoy living independently. And we also have CCTVs and magnifiers, and cams

which can be loaned to our consumers. For much of the year, we do presentations at places like meal sites, and living facilities

and clubs and organization exprngz this allows us to provide vision services to many people in a few hour's time, as well as promote

our center's other services. In addition to the vision program, we can help in other areas, we provide assistive technology items which

we loan out as needed. Things like wheelchairs, walkers, bedside commodes, and shower chairs and other things. These can be kept for

long or short-term use. And we can also provide resource services. We can connect people with local resources for things such as

housing, transportation, food pantries, job training, education, communication services and insurance. We're also very fortunate to be

able to provide excellent home care services to our communities. Christine sass is our home coordinator and she will discuss that

program next. Thank you.

>> Hi, everyone, I'm sitting here with Dale, but I'm Christine sass. I oversee the home care services here, so basically, we offer

homemaking services, which is your basic cleaning, cooking, running errands, and then we often tenant care services and we can help

individuals with showers, brushing their teeth. And getting them ready for the day. Also, transportation to medical appointments, and

with homemaking, we cannot do any transportation at all. We also offer respite services if you needed that. That's basically what home

care services is here at SIL. So I will let our transition coordinator, Shannon, speak, if she's on here. Shannon?

>> AMY: I think that Mike is working on promoting her.

>> Mike: Yes, Shannon, you should be able to speak now.

>> Hi, can you hear me?

>> Mike: Yes.

>> Can you see me?

>> I can..

>> Hi, everybody, how are y'all? I'm the transition coordinator, so basically SILC, our servants include facilitating, somebody wants

to transfer back into the community, I help facilitate from the nursing home or institutional facility back into the community. And

also, anyone that is on diversion. If anybody is at risk of getting into an institution. So I'm a big part of that. On the other end of

transition, its youth transition. So you know, individuals with disability in their families. I help facilitate anything for

post-Secondary life after school. So these are the two big things on transition that I do. And as for that, I -- some of the things

that I do with families or individuals with disabilities, you know, I'm with SSA. SSDI, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid. We have those

discussions, especially if employment comes into place. You know, we talk about benefits, how that affects their employment. Or how

employment can affect their benefits. You know, we go over all kinds of stuff, and basically on financial stuff. I have a bunch of

resources that I have individuals, such as affordable housing. Whether it's housing in a certain community that's based on their

income. Also, housing choice voucher in the EAA program. Other things, food pantries, transportation, if it's available. Employment

agencies. I have a lot of collaboration with employment agencies, such as BR, work 1, and a big collaboration that I definitely

recommend is IU center for community living and career. I have collaboration with them. So anything that comes up, I work with

them. Family to family, you know, it just -- the list goes on and on. So that's never ending. So also, like you, financial stuff. And

help with recommendation to township trustee. Lifeline, access to the internet. And especially if income is -- a lot of it is

regarding income. So yeah. That's about what I do. Thank you.

>> AMY: Thank you, and we just have one left and that's Melanie Martinez, and she's our local only -- ombudsman.

>> Mike: And Melody, you should be able to speak now.

>> So I'm Melody Martinez, want now local long-term care ombudsman for Independent Living in area 12. Serving 5 counties. as an

ombudsman, I advocate for residents of long-term care facilities, nursing homes or residential care facilities or licensed

facilities. To protect and promote resident's rights, and guaranteed to representatives under federal and state law. Resident directed,

and I have to get consent from permission from the resident or resident guardians. So what we do, we empower the resident to understand

their rights, so they feel confident in asking for what they need, appropriating their rights and promoting education, and being a self

advocate about their rights. Assistant with quality of life and quality of care. So help the resident meet their needs. Support the

establishment of family or resident SIL. Advocate on the resident's behalf while receiving services in the long-term care facility or

providers in the community. Who can contact us? The residents that live in a long-term care facility. Relatives, friends of

residents. Administrators or employees of the facilities, and anyone concerned about the residents and the community at large. Some of

the most reasons why people call us, could be from problems with their care, like their call lights not being answered, problems with

the education administration, hygiene or food being served cold. Also, it could be a violation of their rights issues. Privacy issues,

loss of dignity issues. Attitude. Attitudes, emotional and verbal abuse. Also problems with their transfers, discharges, such

improperly -- fees not being disclosed. Medicaid discrimination and more. It is also important that the residents know that the service

is free, and it's very confidential. That's all I got.

>> AMY: Thank you, Melody, and thank you ladies for taking time out of your day to give everyone a synopsis of what we do daily. So the

idea of going forward, that each of the upcoming meetings at a center would be able to take a little bit of time to present some of the

programs and services that they provide or what they have going on so thank you for that.

And that includes my report today.

>> Luis: Thank you, Amy. Correct? 123,450 up next, Luis --

>> Luis: Hold on, Mike, hold on.

just so you know, there are a couple of public comments in the chat but that's for public comment time, right?

>> Mike: Yes, that's correct.

>> Luis: So the next item on the agenda for me is the designated state entity, and that is Amy Luellen.

>> AMY: Hi, this is Amy Luellen and we don't have anything new to report from the DSC at this time.

>> Luis: Thank you, Amy and next on the agenda, the SPIL committee report. And Thomas Williams, and she's not present, right?

>> Mike: She's not, and I can do that piece.

>> Luis: Thank you, Sir.

>> Mike: So the big part from the SPIL committee is the comments about the Lafayette Town Hall that I talked about during my executive

director report. But we do have a few other things that we want to share. So we want to make sure that everybody is aware of a few

things. One, we're going to do quarterly public SPIL committee meetings, and we'll meet as a committee, and publicly, we'll vote on

items and approve items. And that committee, that public meeting time is posted on the website now. The last one we did was on March 20th

, and we do them on the third Thursday of the month. So the next one would be in June, so everyone is welcome to attend that.

And in the interim times, we're going to have a couple of public work groups that we'll be setting up to meet on two issues that are

related to the SPIL. And one of those is guardianship and guardianship alternatives. And the goal of this committee is kind of as Amy

was talking about during her SIL report, we want to, as a network and as an INSILC, gather information from the public. So that's as

wide of a net, as big of a variety of points of view, different people with different lived experiences and different experts, all of

that. Gather all of that information around guardianship and guardianship alternatives, and then essentially figure out what we want to

do as an organization with that. So that's something that we want that work group to decide. So that could be, do we want to write a

position paper? Do we want to put a white paper together? Do we want to put a guide book together with a sort of statement? There

are a lot of ways that the committee would do go and we want those folks to take probably the next year to figure that out and who we

should talk to, and help us put together a process of how to come up with our response to and how we want to handle guardianship and

guardianship alternatives. So for us, for us as a SPIL committee, this is a big undertaking, so we want to ask any of our council

members or any members of the public, two things, if there's anybody who would like to serve on that work group, we would like to know

that, because we would like to involve you. If you are interested in that, you can do two things, and you can let me know, and you can

either comment if you want during this meeting, or you can send me an email with an interest to participate. Or you can reach out to

Chris as much PINX. Or if there are groups that we need to talk to, as we mentioned, we want to make sure that we're hearing from as

proud of a base, a diverse set of opinions and thinking about guardianship if we can. So if you know specific groups or people that we

should talk to as we kind of think about our list of experts to hear from, I would love to hear from that as well. And you can send

that to me or Chris also. And in addition to guardianship and guardianship alternatives work group, we want to set up another work

group on data and data analysis. And this group is going to do a couple of things for us, looking at the data from post event surveys,

we look at those after the Town Hall in Lafayette. And we'll also put together a survey to send out to all of the SILS with

information that they need from us, and the resources and how we can best assist them, and we're putting together a work group to help

us think about the questions that we can and and ho help us analyze the data, so we can take information and it do something meaningful

with that. So we're looking for folks interested in that data and in that data analysis and kind of doing that.

Once we know who wants to be part of the work groups, we'll set up meeting times and schedules, so once we know who wants to be part

that have. So after this meeting, I'm going to send out an email to all of the centers asking for if they know anybody they would like

to recommend being on the work groups, but if anybody is on this meeting and would like to be part of either of those works the

guardianship and guardianship alternatives work group or the data and analysis work group, you can reach out to me and you can do that

in this meeting or email me at M Fodrill at Indiana SC.org or reach out to Chris Sphinx, our committee chair. that will be in the

group, and then the council meeting, July 9th. And that's going to conclude my SPIL committee report. And the other piece, the Town

Hall. But I covered that.

>> Luis: This is Luis, the next item on the agenda, the nomination reporting committee, and I don't think that Rita is present, right?

>> Mike: No, she's not.

And the nomination committee did not meet during this quarter so there will not be a report from them.

>> Luis: This is Luis again, and the next item on the agenda, old business.

>> Mike: That's right, Luis.

>> Luis: We don't have any, right?

>> Mike: We do not.

>> Luis: Thank you, Sir. The next item on the agenda is new business. And that is approval -- hold on a second. I got myself confused,

Mike. Approval of the grant --

>> Mike: It's approval of the SPIL cap, Luis.

>> Luis: Yes. Okay.

>> Mike: Yeah, that's fine, and just so everybody remembers, I had spoken about that during my executive director report. You guys have

a copy of that new version, and it's kind of the excel document with the columns, and it talks about how we're going to do a better job

of data collection, and reaching out to diverse communities and making sure that we're hearing from our SILS and how we're going to

take that information and use that to make forward progress and change. We had a committee that vetted that. And we worked with our

technical assistants, liaison, and we put that together and submitted that draft, ACL, the end of March, but since this is a council

document, we wanted to bring it up for approval. And I would say, Luis, before we ask for approval, does anybody have any comments or

questions on that document before we can ask for approval?

>> Luis: The time is open. Into and Luis, are you okay if I do a roll call for approval now? This is for the SPIL cap. So first up

today, Luis, you are first.

>> Luis: Yes.

>> Mike: Anna Thompson Jones.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Jennifer Davis.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Amy Browning Varble.

>> Yes

>> Mike: Ann Barnhart.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Linda Greeno. And I think I saw Linda did join..

>> Her camera is off.

>> Mike: I will come back to Linda.

Christina Trimnrl.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: And Catherine Vest..

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Thank you, Catherine. And then I'll go back and ask Lind A. were you able to vote on the approval for the SPIL cap?

>> Linda's response is in the chat.

>> Mike: I see Linda says yes, okay. Thank you, Linda.

and then Luis, that's unanimous approval for the cap.

>> Luis: It's yes, correct?

>> Mike: Correct.

>> Luis: Thank you, Sir. Next item on the agenda, if I'm not mistaken, is the approval of the grant for the independence Indiana?

>> Mike: Yes, that's correct. And just so I can cover this. We were given, we INSILC were given a grant from Indiana as part of the

pathway project to train the staff on Independent Living movement, Independent Living philosophy, and on diversion from nursing homes

and transition. So we as INSILC had put that out as an RF perform, a request for proposals with all of the SILS to see who would like

to work on that project. And we put \$75,000 up to the centers. We're keeping the other \$25,000. We're keeping \$5,000 of that 25 for

admin costs for us, and \$10,000 of it is going toward marketing and promotion for events and town has, and the other 10% is going for

marketing and materials related to training and so things like power points and flyers and things like that.

But that \$75,000, we did put out the proposal to the SILS, and we got a response from independence Indiana and we had a

group of three folks who were not related to inbe sick and the SILS to evaluate that proposal and we evaluated that on ten different

components, and we looked that on the summary of the old project on their capabilities and methodology. On the expected results. Ones

executive staffing and management, on their communication. And if they had the appropriate equipment. If they had a good sense of the

budget and the expenses and if they had the right licensing and bonding and insurance to do the project. So we looked at that.

Our committee evaluated that. And they evaluated each point on a scale of 1-10, and the average score from that was 9.2 across the

board. So our committee was very pleased with the proposal we got from independence Indiana. And I will say specifically the thing that

stood out to us was that the proposal that I mentioned, they had collectively over 200 years of experience in the Independent Living

field. So that's both astounding and great. So congratulations to that group. Again, we are excited to see that come

through, and the committee is recommending that we approve that grant as a council. And our processes and financial procedures require

that any grant that we issue that's over \$35,000 has to go to the full council to approve. Anything less than that, I can approve as

the executive director, but any time we're granting out more than that, it has to go to the full council for approval. So if there are

any questions or anything at this time, I'm able to take those or answer those about the project or the grant. Wow talk about Indiana

and what -- the independent council of Indiana.

>> Mike: It's a group, I believe it's seven of the centers, they work collaboratively on projects, and this is most of the network of

Indiana getting it together to collaborate on projects collectively, and they submitted this grants as the seven centers together as an

opportunity to work on this project. So they do those things as a group that's separate from INSILC, but we do work with them from time

to time..

>> Thank you.

>> Mike: You're welcome. And other questions or comments before we put this to vote?

okay, Luis, are you okay if I go through a roll call for this as well?

>> Luis: We can, sure.

>> Mike: First up, Luis.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Thank you, next, Anna Thompson Jones..

>> Mike, I must abstain.

>> Mike: Anna abstains.

>> Mike: And Jennifer, you're next. Jennifer Davis..

>> yes.

>> thank you, Jennifer. Amy Browning Varble.

>> This is Amy and I abstain.

>> Mike: Thank you. Ann Barnhart.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Thank you, Ann. Linda Greeno?

Linda says yes in the that the. Thank you, Linda.

Christina Trimnrl.

>> Yes. And Catherine Vest..

>> I'm going to abstain as well.

>> Mike: And that is fine, you are obviously allowed to abstain, and with the abstains, Luis, we have enough to approve for that grant

to independence Indiana.

>> Luis: So it's approved, correct? Yeah, Mike? It's approved, correct?

>> Mike: Yes, correct.

>> Luis: Very good, and this is Luis again, next item on the agenda, it is the public document posting of policies.

>> Mike: That's correct, Luis, and since we have this agenda, and then we finished the cap that we talked about earlier, we're going to

approve all of our new policies and producers at our next meeting in July, so we're going to push this back one meeting, and get the

chance to go through and revise this, and make sure that our new policy and procedure applies to everything that we put in the SPIL

cap. So we don't have to approve that.

So we're going to postpone that and approve it in July.

>> Luis: Very good, next item on the agenda, the approval of the FSSA contract.

>> Mike: Yes, and this is also -- I can cover this again, I covered it in my executive director report. This is an extension for one

year of our current contract with FSSA. And it's going to be for the same fiscal amount as we had in the past. All of the same

deliverables, and what we would be paid for FSSA would be the same with addition of adding 2%, and correct me, Amy Luellen, that we're

having a 2% increase in the number of activities that we have over the course of the year, so again, we're tracking that in terms of

the number of activities that we have, number of hours that we spend doing community outreach and the number of people that we talk

to. And just the only other change, in the last year, we reported that annually, covering the entire year, and with in new deliverable,

we'll report that to FSSA every quarter. And because of the way that the fiscal years work, this new deliverable would start at the

beginning of the fiscal year which would begin October 15th. So October, November and December, and when we meet in January, I'll

have that report for you in Terps of how we did with the state. In terms of how difficult it's going to be administratively to track,

it's not going to be much more difficult because we already track that on a spreadsheet and taking part of the activities in the year,

and it's pulling it out quarterly with FSSA instead of waiting for the whole calendar year. So I don't anticipate it being a burden,

and it's the only contract change from before, the addition of that deliverable. And it ties into the SPIL SPIL which is good, and in

this climate, any time we show we're measuring data and seeing an increase over the past years or improvement, it's going to make us in

the network look better, so I think that it's positive.

>> Luis: Very good.

>> Mike: Any questions or comments on that? Okay, Luis, I think we can do one more roll call vote.

>> Luis: If you don't mind, Mike, let's do the roll call, Sir.

>> Mike: Luis.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Anna Thompson Jones.

>> This is Anna, yes.

>> Mike: Jennifer Davis.

>> Yes.

>> Amy Browning Varble..

>> Yes. .

>> Ann Barnhart.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Linda Greeno. Okay. From Linda in the chat. Thank you, Linda.

Christina Trimnrl.

>> Yes. And Catherine Vest..

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Thank you, everybody, that gives us unanimous approval for that contract with FSSA. Thank you, you guys.

>> Luis: Thank you, this is Luis, and the next item on the agenda is the notice of officer election.

>> Mike: Yes.

>> Luis: The odd number of years, as we're in 2025, it's for the chair, and Kacie Weldy has said that she is willing to chair for next

year, right?

>> Mike: Yes. Yes, that's correct.

>> Luis: And the other position is secretary.

>> Mike: Yes.

>> Luis: And Jennifer has said that she's willing to take one more year?

>> Mike: Yes, correct as well.

>> Jennifer: Yes, I'm fine, yes.

>> Luis: For sure, and just so everybody knows, next year will be the vice and treasurer. So if anybody is interested, you can submit

your name directly to Mike. Or what have you.

>> Mike: Yes, or Kacie. That's right. And Luis, then we would have our official election for those positions at our next meeting in

July. But since they're both interested in running, if anybody else would like to run, you can reach out to me or Kacie and let us

know, and we'll have that vote officially in July.

>> Luis: Thank you, Sir. Next item on the agenda is, the public comment.

>> Mike: Yes -- go ahead. I was just going to say, as before, we do public comment for 15 minutes, and that would be 3 minutes for each

speaker and I will look at the chat and at the list and see who has their hand up and we will go through this.

>> Luis: Thank you.

>> Mike: So open public comments. And Leslie, I see your hand is raised. Leslie, you should be able to speak now..

>> Okay, I just want to -- this is Leslie Hawker, and I just want to make a few comments and I'll be done. We're in chaos. The ACL is

gone. Basically, its -- they're in the death knolls. Everything is happening, and literally, we're sitting here again talk, talk,

talking, like talking heads, and not having any kind of action plan as to what we're going to do. The state independent living council

should be spearheading our concerns and helping the people in our community know what's coming for them. If we don't get off our

collective butts and do something, we're going to be erased. We're literally going to be erased. Stick a fork in me, I'm done, I really

am. Thank you.

>> Mike: Thank you, Leslie. Okay, and then Jeremy Werner, your hand was raised next, I believe. Jeremy, I see your hand go down. Raise

your hand if you would like to speak again..

>> Sorry, I lowered my hand because you mentioned me.

so I just wanted to continue talking about the unconference and clarify if there are any questions here. The attendees who should apply

are any adults with any disability who lives in Indiana and can self-identify as a person with a disability. The intent again, buzz we

can only afford to cover 50 folks, the intent is to prioritize individuals with their own disabilities who are not necessarily already

working or not connected with the disability community. The idea is to grow new leaders and make sure that we provide the opportunity

for this training, folks who might not already get that through their employers, or other organizations that they're already connected

with. But with that in mind, we still, we want to encourage anybody T. even if it's somebody working at a Center for Independent

Living, or somebody from INSILC, Mike F. you yourself would like to attend, and anybody who is on this meeting, as long as you

self-identify as a person with a disability, we would encourage you to apply, and the more applicants we get, the more we will focus on

folks who are not necessarily able to get that training in other ways. So I definitely want to again open up the opportunity for

anybody who has any questions, and again, would ask for a commitment from everybody at INSILC to not only receive the information, and

forward it on to executive directors, but to actively send this to everybody that you network with. Any other questions, feel free to

send them my way. And the last thing I want to say, because I witnessed this for a year and it keeps coming up for this meeting

alone. There are 7 Centers for Independent Living in this state that have created their own sand box, and it makes it very confusing

for an individual attending a public meeting of the state Independent Living council when you guys talk about these different groups to

know who it is that we're talking about.

when really, it should be all of the Centers for Independent Living, and forwarding that philosophy throughout the state. It really

does create quite the problem and needs to be addressed. And I guess when I hear you talk about this grant and it being awarded to

independence Indiana which is seven of those centers, and you said that all centers were given the opportunity to apply

for T. I'm curious about those other three, whether they were really given the chance to apply, and if they were considered. And about

the different sand goes, it's hard to tell who you represent when you keep talking about this separate group. So please keep that in

mind, as a member of the public, that really bothers me, and I think it bothers other people too, and does not help to SILC's

credibility with the public.

>> Mike: You're at 3 minutes, and I can say, with the question about the grant RFP, with the grant, that went out to every center.

>> AMY: Mike, it went out on February 7th, and I went back to verify that yes, everyone was on there.

>> Mike: Great, thank you, Amy and Jordan, I see your hand is raised. So you should be able to speak now.

>> Yes, this is Jordan from Everybody Counts. I first wanted to ask you, Mike, at the Town Hall, you had verbally committed to myself,

Leslie and Theresa about putting the application for unconscious on the INSILC website. Do you still commit to doing that?

>> Mike: Yes, I will do that.

That can go up on our calendar and events page and I'm happy to post that. And I think Jeremy sent that, so I should be able to get

that posted.

>> Great, thank you, and my other -- it's not really a comment. I just wanted to read a section from the previous bill, 21 to 2023,

where it says coordination on phasing out SIL guardianship programs in Indiana. Guardianship does not align nor support the paragraph

of IL, and guardianship strips people of their rights. The network supports use of alternatives, sup as supportive decision

making. Currently two Indiana SILS operate guardianship programs. Because this is counter to the mission of SILS, INSILC plans to work

cooperatively over the course of the next three years to phase out guardianship programs. That was supposed to begin in the year of

2024 to 2026. I'm just wondering why we're still talking about the centers offering guardianship services where in the previous bill,

the council already committed to phasing them out?

>> Mike: Thank you for that comment, Jordan. Is there anyone else who would like to make a public comment? I see Julie. Let's

see. Okay, Julie, you should be able to speak..

>> Okay, yeah. I am here representing Indiana now, which works for gender equality across the state of Indiana. And I have been working

very hard to make disability advocacy a more visible up front part of our advocacy work, and that's why I've been attending these

meetings. But I wanted to ask you, Mike, to go back to the legislative luncheon. Where the how well consulting, the marketing firm that

put on the legislative lunch on, correct? As a separate entity from this entity, from you?

>> Mike: I believe so, yes..

>> Okay. Now, were you invited to attend that meeting?

>> Mike: Yes, I was.

>> Was INSILC as a board invited to attend that meeting?

>> Mike: Just me, I believe..

>> Just you, you believe. Did you in fact attend the meeting?

>> Mike: I D.

>> And yet even though you representative INSILC as a whole, which is supposed to representative all nine of the Independent Living

centers in the state of Indiana, you were invited the meeting and attended the meeting, but seeing no conflict with the fact that you

would call it a separate organization from yours, and yet have no problem with the fact that Everybody Counts and Everybody Counts

north were not invited to the meeting on the basis that that was the separate organization. Correct?

>> Mike: Correct..

>> And by your attending as the director of INSILC, do you see that it gave the appearance of INSILC being represented as a body?

Because you yourself were there as the representative of INSILC?

>> Mike: Yes, I can see that.

>> Okay, and nowhere N. the packet that I received with the information about this event, nowhere did I see any place where the

literature indicated that they did not representative all of the SILS in Indiana. In fact, they referred to SILS as a whole

organization. As a composite. And they talked about their budget proposal for the SILS. And yet they never listed that they only

represented seven of the SILS, and they did indeed invite the director of INSILC. So do you understand where I'm seeing some ethical

issues here? Like major ethical issues?

>> Mike: I do hear your comment and I do appreciate your concerns. And Julie, that ends your time..

>> Well, if I could speak for a moment, you've been ghosting me for a while, Mike, the numbers that they gave, did you do anything to

verify the accuracy of the numbers in the statistics that were included in the materials that they handed out?

>> Mike: That was an event that I was invited to, and I do appreciate your comment, Julie, but we need to move onto our next public

comment. And so Luis, we have time for one more, and I see Breanna with her hand up, so Brianne A. I'm going to unmute you, and then

you would be our last public commenter for the day.

>> Okay, can everybody hear me?

>> Okay. So I had put a comment in the Q&A. And I asked if everybody on INSILC is aware of the national council on independent living's

stance on guardianship. And your response was, I don't know if they are, and I wanted to read just a short segment from it, that the

national council of Independent Living -- depriving individuals of freedoms and depriving personal choice and self expression, and

making self determination impossible. Moreover, the use of guardianship nosers the perception that adults with disabilities are unable

to function in society and has the potential to segregate the individual from their community, isolate them and further marginalize and

oppress them. Nickel does support less restrictive alternatives -- alternatives, and I wanted everyone to be aware of their

position on the national council of independent living, why are we still arguing back and forth when

it goes against the philosophy that an Independent Living movement has in general. So I'll just leave everyone with that.

>> Mike: Okay, thank you for your comment, Breanna. Okay, Luis, that brings us to the end of our public comment time.

>> Luis: Thank you, Sir, and the last item on the agenda is adjournment, correct?

>> Mike: Yes, that's correct.

>> Luis: In that respect, I move to adjourn,.

roll call, correct?

>> Mike: Yeah, so we'll go through, Luis, you moved but just for clarity.

>> Luis: Yes.

>> Mike: Thank you. Anna Thompson Jones.

>> Yes

>> Mike: Jennifer Davis.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Amy Browning Varble.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Ann Barnhart.

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Linda Greeno..

>> Yes

>> Mike: Christina Trimnrl.

>> Yes

>> Mike: And Catherine Vest..

>> Yes.

>> Mike: Okay. Great. Then Luis, I think we are approved to adjourn.

>> Luis: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and with that being said, we are adjourned.

>> Mike: And Luis, Catherine asked if you and I could stay on for a few minutes with one of the interpreters.

>> Luis: Yes, I