



INSILC SPIL Committee

June 26, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Mike Foddrill, Jared Quarles, Chris Spinks, Ann Barn Hart, Julie Scher, Linda Greeno, Halie Brown, Cierra Olivia Thomas Williams

Absent:

Jeanine Coleman-Miller, Abigail Fleenor, Anna Thompson Jones

INSILC Executive Director: Mike Foddrill

SPIL Committee Chair: Chris Spinks

SPIL Committee Vice- Chair: Cierra Olivia Thomas Williams

SPIL Committee 2nd Vice Chair: Ann Barnhart

SPIL Committee Secretary: Anna Thompson Jones

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Technical setup and accessibility were explained, particularly the need for accurate captions to support participants with hearing impairments.

1. Julia makes motion to approve minutes with correction
 - Oliva seconds the motion
 - Board approves the motion unanimously
2. No old business
 - Mike to take first two points of new business since Chris wasn't in attendance at workgroup meetings
3. New Business
 - **Guardianship and Alternatives Workgroup**

The guardianship and alternatives workgroup met on Monday, May 12. The group will have a deliverable by Q1 of FY26. The group will get more educated by other groups on the topic as a whole. There is another group putting together a white paper coming out in December, their recommendation is for our deliverable to be published after the white paper. The

deliverable may look like a guidebook or a decision tree to help people ask the right questions and consider all the factors. We want to hear many different perspectives. Next meeting will be July 14, 2025. Guardianship symposium is happening today 6/26 and two members of the network are participating, we will make time to hear from them. Linda Greeno asks how the deaf community interacts and handles guardianships; Mike reflected that it's a reminder to make sure to include that perspective in the process of creating a deliverable

- **Data and Analysis Workgroup**

The data analysis met on Thursday May 16. This group will crunch the data that the new SPIL requires. The first data piece the group will tackle is a needs assessment for the CILS. There is a draft of the survey, which Mike shared with the committee, we need feedback to this survey from this committee. Each center director will complete the survey. Mike reads through the survey questions to the group. Linda Greeno wants to add question about what resources for deafblind the CILs have, make sure they have ASL interpreters, make sure spoken language services are included in the survey. Ann asks if there should be a name field to know which survey comes from which CIL. Chris says surveys are a beginning of a conversation.

- **ADA Jail Project**

Chris has been wanting to get into jail systems in the catchment area, find out how incarcerated people get accommodations. Called Nick Stellema, he's the ADA Director for the state. He needs help putting together a list of all the ADA coordinators for all the jails for Nick to be able to help at each jail. This meets two objectives under the SPIL. Incarcerated people have just as many rights to accommodations as anyone else.

- **SPIL Dashboard**

The idea behind the dashboard is to give everyone a snapshot of the SPIL progress. It's hard to track a 100-page document; so we pulled all the deliverables into a spread sheet. The sheet tracks a color-coded system, green is on track; yellow needs

work, and red is past due. The executive committee is reviewing this draft. As of June 2025, 19 goals are on track, 4 need work and zero deliverables are overdue. Mike invites feedback from members today and in the future. Julie asked who the audience is; Mike's answer is that it's for people who are not well versed in this topic, so Julie pointed out the use of undefined acronyms. We can include the glossary of terms. Ann suggests using grid lines to make it easier to read. Linda suggests we spell out which quarter is which time frame. The plan is to present the dashboard to the full council on July 23.

4. Public Comment

- **Leslie Hawker**
- On the survey, using the terminology client not consumer
- Working with Hoosier Action on the Medicaid scares, pull Medicaid as an issue into the SPIL. Group that is trying to be really proactive talking to FSSA and national senators
- The Jail Project is actually called the Prison Initiative. Found that in Lake and Porter counties it's hard to find the coordinators. Sending info without them knowing us is not effective. We need to think about prisons themselves, we need to work with people who are getting ready for release.

- **Linda Greeno**
- It is hard to find the ADA Coordinators in jail, we lack them everywhere, is there anyway we can have do a detailed ADA training. Training them is very important information.

- **Chris**
- Just sending information is a way to get a foot in the door. It's a start to make sure that someone knows about independent living centers. Trying to accomplish an unfolding. Bring up a training to the ADA steering committee.

- **Everybody Counts - Teresa Torres**

- Does the time it take to answer taken off the three minutes?
- Linda Greeno has been told that CILS can't afford interpreters, she's invited to the unconference.
- Liberators for Justice offered assistance twice, but will tell them we don't remember them
- Wondering if the data analysis workgroup is posted on the website (they are not public)
- Already have access to all the info asked about in the survey
- Needs assessment only needs three questions
- Seems like spending a great deal of time checking off boxes
- Wondering what data is being hidden from the public
- **Julie Scher**
- Expressing a desire for more ADA training, the Fort Wayne Inclusion Institute has a great training.

5. Meeting Adjournment

- Julie motions to close the meeting
- Linda seconds the motion
- Board approves the motion unanimously
- Next meeting is Thursday, August 21 at 4:00