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INSILC Public Meeting, March 11, 2026.

>>>: Catherine is saying she's here. She's going to turn her video off until the meeting starts.

>>>: Great.

>>>: Good.

>>>: Catherine Vest.

Danielle Bradley.

So, I went back for her and I physically showed her where my new place but I let her come on her own and the next day, she's been indoors with me, sometimes I still leave the window open for her, and check-in with her.

So, like this morning she wasn't here and I fell asleep with the window open and this morning she wasn't there, she never misses breakfast, she's always there to tell me it's breakfast. Anyway.

>>>: Good Samaritan.

I sent the interpreter -- I didn't realize she's got that. The agenda.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Kacie Weldy.

INSILC chair.

Will we need the video from Kacie's phone, Linda and --

Catherine can see the room--right now they are only seeing interpreters.

>>>: I think that might be a gap. Can they hear us?

>>>: I'm wondering if Kacie turned her video off.

>>>: Turn video on.

>>>: I'm wondering if you --

I wonder if that could be helpful.

Jennifer David.

She's fine seeing the interpreters as long as you say your name first and let me know whose speaking then the interpreters can do their thing.

>>>: Sounds good.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Never mind, Kacie. Kacie.

>>>: Do you know how many you are expecting?

>>>: For council members I know we're expecting a quorum, I will get a final count as I see folks logging on, but they have another ten minutes.

>>>: Whoever was just speaking, that was very loud for the interpreters and I don't know if there is any way that can be turned down. And I had my volume up because everyone in the room is very soft. And whoever just spoke.

>>>: Our tech guy walked out of the room so we'll get him to check that out.

>>>: Jennifer, hold on really quick and we'll have him fix it.

>>>: Katy.

>>>: We'll have him fix it as soon as he gets back into the room.

>>>: He had to step out.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Hi, Jarom.

>>>: Hello.

>>>: Hi there.

>>>: Good Morning. Afternoon. Sorry. Good afternoon.

Good to see you. There is front row seating.

>>>: There is going to be a lot of us in there.

>>>: Hope to move some chairs for you and happy to make everything work.

>>>: Absolutely happy to move some chairs.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: There you go.

>>>: Just so you know -- sorry, first of all, let me get you your chair.

>>>: Okay.

Please Standby for the INSILC meeting to start.

>>>: When Jennifer spoke, it was very loud for her, we are---so difficult to hear, any way to adjust the volume down.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: INSILC.

>>>: In the back. [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Is it working now?

>>>: It should be working.

>>>: Let's check the microphones first.

>>>: If you speak out there -- [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Okay.

Teresa, can you hear us?

>>>: Teresa, can you hear us through the microphones?

>>>: No.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Will you direct?

>>>: Sure, testing one, two, three.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Please Standby for me.

>>>: Yes.

The accommodation, she's not able to hear in the back.

>>>: All right.

[Human Captioner Standing by] testing, testing, can you hear? Testing.

>>>: It's not working.

>>>: Thanks.

>>>: Sure, testing, one, two, three. Testing, one, two.

>>>: It's loud for us.

>>>: Is it loud?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: I have got it turned down.

>>>: Is it on the right channel?

>>>: Yes, I think yeah.

>>>: See if I can find a better pair of headphones.

>>>: All I will do is read lips.

>>>: We'll find a pair of headphones.

>>>: I can't hear.

>>>: Sure.

>>>: INSILC Public Meeting.

Please Standby for the meeting to begin shortly.

INSILC Public Meeting. Call to order, open meeting and welcome, INSILC chair
Kacie Weldy.

>>>: There are copies of the agenda.

>>>: Sure, testing one, two, three, testing the mic system, testing one.

>>>: I can hear you, Mike.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Do it one more time for him.

>>>: Sure. Testing one, two, three. On the audio, one, two three.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Testing audio one, two three.

Amy Luellen FSSA/DSE representative.

>>>: I don't need to promote you; I accidentally promoted her.

>>>: No.

>>>: I shouldn't, right?

>>>: No.

>>>: We have that. We have -- Jennifer and Christina. Chris, we have six.

Halie.

>>>: And Catherine.

>>>: And myself.

>>>: Yes. Six?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Jennifer, Amy and --

>>>: Halie is on, too.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: -- there we go. We have a quorum.

>>>: All right. We're good. [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Christina.

>>>: Yes, Christina is on?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Wait.

>>>: I just promoted her to panelist.

>>>: Do we have a quorum?

>>>: So far.

>>>: All right.

>>>: Good afternoon.

[MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Good afternoon, this is Kacie Weldy speaking. Can we have room and be quiet so we can get started?

>>>: This is Catherine. I know that -- there will be some comments on Zoom. After the Zoom link, will we be able to know what's being said? Will someone be willing to speak those comments that are said online?

>>>: Yes, we can do that.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Great so this is Kacie Weldy, calling the meeting to order. And it is 2:04 p.m. And we'll start with our roll call.

So, Luis Roman?

>>>: Present.

>>>: Anna Thompson Jones?

>>>: Jennifer David?

>>>: Here.

>>>: And Amy Browning Varble

>>>: Present.

>>>: And.

>>>: Ann Barnhart.

>>>: Present.

>>>: Halie Brown?

>>>: Present.

>>>: Linda Greeno.

>>>: Here.

>>>: Laura.

>>>: Not present.

>>>: Gary Olsen.

>>>: Not present.

>>>: And Christina Trimnell?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Catherine Vest?

>>>: I'm here. And Dave Schleppenbach.

>>>: He's not here today.

>>>: Okay. So, we have one, two, four, five, six, seven eight, nine, ten. Okay.

Turn it over to Jennifer, have we met quorum?

>>>: Hi, can you hear me?

>>>: Yes, you are coming through just fine, Jennifer.

>>>: This is Jennifer, looks like we have a quorum. 11 voting members present that ten.

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

>>>: So, we have we have a quorum.

>>>: So. So, we have met quorum for voting members---we also have Amy Luellen who is the non-voting member.

>>>: Present.

>>>: We have guest attendees.

>>>: Mike Foddrill.

>>>: Here and guest attendee, Chris Spinks.

>>>: Here and guest attendee, Katy Myers.

>>>: Present. And Danielle Bradley.

>>>: Present.

>>>: Okay. Attendee.

>>>: And we have established that we met quorum. So, I will turn over, back to Jennifer to talk about our ongoing communication.

>>>: Okay Jennifer, thank you for being here. There is an echo in the room, we want to talk about the upcoming things that --

(Echo).

>>>: For the meeting, these will be announced. I want to go over something here. Speakers list, the public comment will have three minutes, once that time is up, we'll

say it's finished and then you will have the speaker. If there are additional comments during the meeting, they can apologize.

>>>: Comments that were not able to be spoken during the meeting, there are some additional ways it could be done, and one way is at our website.

>>>: Jennifer, can you pause, some of the other council members are concerned about an echo; we're working on that right now. So sorry to interrupt.

>>>: It should be, let's try that then.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Do you want me to start over?

>>>: No. Just from where you were.

>>>: So.

>>>: That would support a disability, we'll be going between individuals that want to speak in-person, and in the event that you have a disruption, the chair will call a 15-minute recess. And that public comment will end.

>>>: Okay. So, this is Kacie. We are now ready to open it up for public comment. And so do we have the time--when it's set up and --

>>>: Let's pause we're still working on the echo.

>>>: And.

>>>: This is Catherine.

>>>: Go ahead.

>>>: And did you forget to approve the minutes from the last meeting? Did we

do that?

>>>: I apologize.

>>>: I think it might have been done.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: This is Kacie. I'm sorry, I am struggling to follow the agenda on here.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: And okay, so you are correct we need to do the minutes first. So, I need to-- we need to.

>>>: First, we need to make sure that the echoes.....

>>>: We are working on the echo issue with the audio. Bear with us as we work this out.

>>>: This is Mike this is an audio test to see if there is still an echo am I coming through clearly? Are you still hearing the echo.

>>>: Mike this is Amy, I think it's only when someone is speaking virtually. And that the -- feedback creates an echo.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Thank you for clarifying that, Amy.

>>>: This is Kacie. I think what we need to ask everybody is virtually, make sure you are muted unless you are speaking. That will help eliminate the echoes. Because the team here is using the microphones so that will come in that way.

>>>: All right.

>>>: Hopefully that was fixed now.

>>>: All right.

So, confirming do we have access for everyone?

>>>: Particularly Deb.

>>>: Did they just hear the person talking?

>>>: Did anyone hear an echo as Deb was talking? Everybody is saying “no” so far.

>>>: So, at this point, everybody is good, are we good to go?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Seems like it.

>>>: Yes, I think so.

>>>: Thank you. Give me second to get myself situated here. So, I am having a little bit of issue with access myself.

>>>: Kacie, it would help if you talked into the mic, I can barely hear you and I don't think people can hear you.

>>>: Thank you for letting me know. Trying to remember to do that, I am struggling with some access myself, give me a second to get the captioning app turned on.

>>>: Captioning app.

>>>: Okay.

Thank you for your patience as we are working through this and learning how to do this in a hybrid format. Okay. So, we need to back up to the minutes, approving the minutes from both the December meeting and from the special session. Do we have any concerns with the do we have any meeting concerns, if not we need to accept those minutes as presented.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: I make a motion to accept the minutes.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: So, we have a motion on the floor to accept the minutes.

>>>: This is Anna, I second that motion.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Second that motion. We need to do a roll call on accepting the minutes as presented.

>>>: Luis?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: He said yes.

>>>: Apologize , I'm sorry.

>>>: And Anna Thompson Jones, she joined?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Anna?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Jennifer David?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Amy Browning-Varble.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Ann Barnhart?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Halie Brown?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Linda Greeno?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Laura Kitterman.

>>>: She's not here.

>>>: And Christina.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Catherine Vest?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And, and Kacie, the motion passes. And the minutes are accepted as presented. All right. So, Jennifer you, you went through the information for public comment. Is that correct?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Yes, I did.

>>>: Kacie, can I ask a question?

>>>: All right so we are ready to open the floor for 15-minutes I will turn it over to -- Mike [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Who is going to speak.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: First.

>>>: Sure.

>>>: Can I ask a question first?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: The motion that we just did was to approve December 10 and January 21st?

>>>: That's correct.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: All right.

>>>: Second, at the start of the public comment session, as Jennifer said in her instructions, we'll alternate between in-person and virtual speaker, we're going to start with in-person, public comment, you have somebody that would like to make a comment?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Come up to the microphone.

>>>: That's right here for you.

>>>: All right.

Can you hear me?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Good.

I prepared a statement -- which I will give out, unfortunately it would take longer than three minutes I don't want to take up anyone else's time. First let me say finally we're having a hybrid we can be seen harder and, did you but it served to the actual voice people. And I want to take the time to their living statewide independent living council is supposed to be the voice of people with disabilities. And not the voice of the systems within the independent living network. And which is not now or ever represented by all the people.

We want to say to the council that we'll bring the disability to the other CILs or other disability service providers, we are --me personally, are fielding many calls from around the state, state legislators from organizations that know we are ready, advocating activists that's what the council needs to refocus on, bringing the need to the people and for safe and local entities. We need our voices we don't need; we need you to be our voices. What we don't need is for you to be another mouthpiece of the system. Thank you.

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Next.

>>>: We're at alternate.

>>>: Thanks.

>>>: You are facing that way.

>>>: I see trace Tracy Taylor, and you should be able to speak now.

>>>: Tracy Taylor.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: We need time with people, the time it takes.

>>>: I'm sorry ,Tracy, you have a comment, is your hand down? You know your hand is up, you are supposed to be able to, you are muted right now, Tracy.

>>>: Okay, you should be able to speak now, go ahead, Tracy.

>>>: Tracy, put that in the chat. Tracy, you want to put your comment in the chat, I think we are having some audio issues.

>>>: We are not able to hear you right now, Tracy.

>>>: Actually --

She is -- yeah.

>>>: Tracy says in the chat I can't unmute but I have no question.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Thank you for clarifying that, Tracy. I don't see -- I don't see another hand virtually I think we have another that wants to comment.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Yeah. That's great.

>>>: Hi, I'm Ramona from southern Indiana. I haven't been to one of the meetings

in a long time; they are not very accessible. I appreciate you meeting in person. And there is a lot of stuff going on right now in this state and the country. Honestly, it's really scary being a person with disabilities. And right now. With everything going on. And so, I want to know what the council is going to do to make sure that the members aren't tokenized and used -- I don't mean to the council to -- express, it's been used as a way to suppress people with disabilities by creating an illusion that something happened.

>>>: Thank you so much.

>>>: So, can you move that?

>>>: Suppress.

>>>: We'll copy---those going in-person,--if you have a question virtually, raise your hand via Zoom.

>>>: Good afternoon, members of the community. My name is Jason Glen. I'm here as a concerned citizen and as an advocate. And often speak of guardianship. And what your role should be. And unfortunately, you have been given four decades to get it right, what I'm seeing and hearing that you want, you want feedback. But what is going to be done with that feedback? Perfect example why the system is not working is a young man that I am close to, one of my best friends. --

[Indiscernible by Captioner], and just last week his mom passed away of aneurism she now, it's I am scared -- and I am tired. And I believe that we all come together

for the good of not only the committee but those that we are supposed to serve, thank you.

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: Next.

>>>: Pass the microphone back.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: It's taking a long time.

>>>: I folded up my crutches [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Sorry, we have Jarom and walking spirit is from Indianapolis so I will ask a question, and I would really love a response. And that's I think is one of the frustrating parts of the public comment period there is no conversation. But my question is this, what is INSILC doing and for the center of director representatives what is both the independent of Indiana network and the actual full center of ten centers, doing to get our state Attorney General to withdraw Indiana from the attack against section 504? Texas V. Kennedy specifically cites in the lawsuit -- the Omstead decision that it is no longer about gender dysphoria, which is what Texas was about last year, which Indiana should have withdrawn from. And now, it is specifically attacking our rights to community-based services and the lawsuits specifically states that it's -- federally, it's a violation of the Constitution for the Federal Government to require states to provide community-based services as an alternative to institutional sayings, Indiana got rid of the institution ten-years ago if

they get rid of the community based services there are no institution for us to go into, it's even worse what is that body doing to get our state Attorney General to stop speaking for people with disabilities and withdraw us from that case?

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: Thank you, Jarom, I would say this is my -- by the way I don't have a prepared response to that right now but I would say, one of the things that we have done is we recently posted a public comment on our website where we are listing all the public comments and we also talked about the response to that. So, we will update that, and within a week from this meeting it will have your comment on it and it will have a response to that on there, give us some time to do that.

>>>: --

>>>: The mic.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: I don't know that this is something you need public comment on. There is nothing -- it's a threat to independent living in our state. This council needs to be advocating with the governor's office with the state Attorney General's office you need don't us to tell you that; you are people with disabilities yourself. You know what this threat represents. And you are in a position to get Indiana to withdraw.

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: And that can also mean rallying all of us and I have received nothing from my center for independent living asking me to raise my voice about this issue.

There are ten centers across the state that can reach out to every county and every person that's been a consumer of the organization to make certain we flood the Attorney General's office with phone calls, our governor's office with phone calls you don't need a survey or comments for us to tell you that.

>>>: Yeah, thank you.

>>>: I appreciate if you guys need the opportunity to talk about things and address things, this is not new. That have been attacking section 504 since last year. And all that changes are the name of the lawsuit and the reasons given in the lawsuit. For attacking that. It is now directly attacking our right to live in the community of our choice.

>>>: Jarom, would you like to make a comment?

>>>: I want to add a person story to that.

>>>: Identify yourself first.

>>>: I'm with Jarom I'm with everybody counts I had a client who was under guardianship who had disability that Jarom got tired of dealing with, and they, and they died this winter with their cats in the snow. And on one of the coldest days of the year. In an Ally by a dumpster, it is imperative that the council take a standard and position with the Governor with the senators if the purpose of the -- council is to be to be a voice for the people. If the people don't have a voice at the -- state level, which you are supposed to provide, then oppression occurs, people die. And people get stuck in institutions and in situations they can't get out of. All we're asking is

for funding to do more, but yet we're not seeing that and it's the people who suffer. It's the people who pay, the cost of in activism is human life what is the worth of human life? That is what the IL philosophy is all about, everybody has that value everybody has worth everybody deserves to live the life in the community they desire to live in. And the council is to be the voice at the state level through input from the community members. There is a discrepancy between input from community members and activism on the part of the council at the state level. That is our greatest concern. Again, I will emphasize the cost of that is human life. It is people that are begging to be out of nursing homes out of guardianship, and I have seen it. I have heard the stories. The cost is human life.

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: Thank you for that comment we are past the 15-minute time period we'll have another public comment session later on in the meeting. Thank you, everyone.

>>>: All right.

Thank you. This is Kacie speaking. So, now we would have our committee and the update reports and comments – Mike, the Executive Director's report.

>>>: Thank you, Kacie, I would like to touch on a few things for the council I want to give everyone an update on the strategic planning process. And we are soliciting bids to find a facilitator to help us with an organizational strategic plan the can executive committee is reviewing the professional we should have an update for everyone soon.

So, I will send something out as soon as I have more progress to share on that. I would like to say that everybody on the public forum, that we are doing the Townhalls; our 2026 town halls schedule we are about ready to get started. And we are looking for sponsor to sponsor all the for one of entire series of town halls as well as each individual Townhall, currently working on solicit owing for, if you have suggestion that, that make good sponsor, please send those to me. And the next one will be coming is the new Albany slash Jeffersonville event, March 31, IU in new Albany, we have a really good panel set up, we have state representative Ed Clare and Wendy, and then we have a marketing campaign. Katy has been doing good job at this event. We have five bus stations local to New Albany; we are excited to see the turnout.

In fact, we had our people sign up for this event, we signed up for previous town halls, hoping this is a good turnout that's on March 31st. And then the Townhall after that will be in Columbus that's going to be on June 3rd. We just selected a venue and we'll get out more information to you, we have a champion that's helping to us put that together, that's Grace Kessler, she's been and helping us to identify both speaker for the town tall, and we are going to do a symposium with the league again, that's going to be so well we have 2 events the symposium with the league and the Townhall, all going to be on June third in Columbus, so excited to continue that partnership with the league. And as well as having event in that Columbus area, look for more information on that one soon. And then we also in September, we

have one economic mobility coming up, Indianapolis we're working with independence Indiana to plan that in confine jungle with the conference, so we're, and excited to be able conference attendees as well as the general public and collaborate on marketing and other partnerships to make both of those events a success. That's something that we are looking forward to doing as well, then the virtual Townhall in December. And so, we'll have more information about all of these here, but Katy and the marketing and the outreach committee are doing good work as we start to plan these events.

And then also I want to let you guys know I had a good conversation with Derek No. RD at IU. We'll talk about working on several things they are going to help us to refine our survey available to the public and also, and the way that we are tracking public comment that we are reporting on that. And they bring a real specific in and, and I'm excited to do--see how this will be better, they are interested in partnering with us on doing some focus groups---one of the goals in the SPIL, and in our engagement plan is to do some focus groups around the four under serve population that we have targeted in the SPIL, folks from rural community racial and ethnic minority and say veterans and youth, they are invite about that, too we are, so retailer excite for those potential collaboration with the network Derek and his team bring a lot of academic expertise and help us to fill in some gaps with the projects moving forward, I will have more information on that as well. Then, I will kind of do the Humana update as well as the Molina Health, if you guys remember we had a project

with Humana where we bid out a contract to train the pathway staff; for Humana to train them on independent living and work working with people with disabilities, project went well we just wrapped that up with them, couple of months ago we are starting to have conversation about continuing the training into 2026. So don't have anything specific to share but they are interested in moving that relationship forward. So that could be an exciting opportunities as well for us to it be continue that role, I had conversation and with John Bartle from Molina Health if you have, you may know him, and he's done self-things the last few decades, but Molina Health is want to bid to become another pathway partner they are also interested having part of the training having part of the bid, structuring that in to get staff training around, independent living and diversion and working with people with disabilities, as there bid to become a pathways provider.

So, we'll see how that goes that's going to be multiyear process, that one probably won't come to fruition, it's exciting about the class. Couple of exciting things coming up here in the future. Then, on the inclusion institute, ace mentioned we're continuing to work with the league on that, we did the symposium in, in September of last year, and we are working with them to plan another symposium in June in Columbus, that's a fruitful collaboration for us, in the league has been a good partner we're excited to work with them as well.

Then that's the last piece of my Executive Director report, thank you, Kacie.

>>>: This is Kacie, very quickly before we move on to the treasury report my

understanding, you are starting some discussion with some of the different CILs and trying to do, some of the collaboration with some of our centers as well.

>>>: Yes, that's correct, that's something I think Chris will talk about in the SPIL chair report. But we're planning on doing events as part of the SPIL, we had CIL director forums to get the feedback we want in a new SPIL, we're planning forums coming up, actually starting next week for CIL staff, then public forums for the public, starting in May, that will go throughout the summer, we'll plan those in conjunction with its centers that's exciting as well to get some more network collaboration and what's going on next SPIL.

>>>: Thank you. Now we'll turn it over to Anna, for the treasury report.

>>>: The treasury report was, we have received four grant payments.

>>>: Excuse me.

>>>: I'm sorry the interpreters can't hear, Anna it's very echoing.

>>>: Let me try again.

>>>: Since the report we have received four grants payment.

>>>: Are they able to hear me better?

>>>: No.

>>>: I'm not sure how to fix that.

>>>: Mike are you able to help out with this?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Yes. I can help to kind of go through that as well, give us one minute Anna,

we'll see if we can fix the echo on our end.

>>>: There is an echo.

Anna, try again.

>>>: Okay.

Since the report was made, we have received four grants' payments. Is it any better?

>>>: No.

>>>: No. No. Anna.

>>>: This is Jennifer, I don't know who would help if they turned the volume up on her own computer, that's usually what you hear. When I adjusted mine, it adjusted the volume.

>>>: From what you were hearing earlier.

>>>: This is Luis, it's muffled I don't get feedback, but it's not clear enough. If that helps at all.

>>>: Is it I'm sorry, is it muffled when I am speaking or folks that are virtual.

>>>: No, you are clear, it's only now that it's been muffled.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: This is Amy and I don't think that it's everyone, I think it might be Anna that's a little muffled everyone is coming through very clearly.

>>>: Correct, for me, too.

>>>: Thank you, Amy.

>>>: This is Anna. Is this any better?

>>>: Hold on, Mike.

>>>: This is Kacie, I'm good with that, Narang, are you okay with Mike covering?

>>>: I would be fine with Mike covering that can I want people to be able to hear.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Okay. Anna, does sound better now.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Thanks, Anna I will go ahead and cover for you, I want to cover in the treasury report Anna since the last meeting we received four grant payment in the contract with the state, that puts us we are actually over budget. A little bit in revenue, so we are doing really well with that, that will even out over the course of the year, we have the milestones that we get reimbursed for, so we'll be in a good position there, our expense we are almost exactly in line with where we are, had budget. And only about a thousand dollars variance, so when you put that variance in with being over and revenue ,we are actually performing very well with the budget we are actually in the positive about \$20,000 compared to budget. So far with good budget performance so far, we'll keep monitoring that as we move through FY2026.

>>>: This is Kacie, just checking --

>>>: Yes.

>>>: We're good.

>>>: All right. Just confirming next up we have our CIL director, Amy

Browning-Varble.

>>>: Hi, can everyone hear me okay?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Are you able to hear me?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Amy, you are muted, I think.

>>>: Do not hear you.

>>>: Are you able to hear me now?

>>>: Amy is not muted.

>>>: She is for us.

>>>: For the CIL director you were going to have Tracy and Becky both speak, you want me to go ahead and have them go?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: So, Amy was going to have two of the centers presenting about the program, we have Tracy was set to start, so I am going to go ahead and -- and allow Tracy to speak. You are supposed to be able to unmute yourself and give your presentation.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: We're still having the same issue we can't hear the panelist right now.

>>>: Tracy is not --

>>>: Yes, she is.

>>>: She is now. Yeah.

>>>: Hi.

>>>: That's good sounds.

>>>: We see you Tracy, hello.

>>>: Hello.

>>>: Tracy we are not getting any audio.

>>>: Okay, how about now?

>>>: There we are.

>>>: Yes. Okay. Great. Yeah.

All right, am I -- is it possible for me to share my screen?

>>>: Um, yes.

>>>: I can just --

>>>: Actually, do you need the presentation today?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: I can talk through it.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: That it would be better for the interpreters if you can talk through it.

>>>: Sure.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Alrighty, yeah. Hi everyone, thank you very much for having me. And my name is Tracy Taylor I'm with the independent living center with Eastern Indiana

I'm a Caucasian woman with light brown hair and glasses and seated in a power chair. And I am and outcome to speak with you, about -- our center. So, we serve seven counties in East signal Indiana, we serve Henry, Wayne and union and Fayette and rush, and Decatur and Franklin. And through our connection with our southern Indiana independent living center, where Amy is, we also provide older independent blind vision services to the counties they serve. Including Dearborn, Ripley and Scott, Switzerland and Ohio counties. 1967 services to over 530 consumers in the past year. And we provided 1335 services so far this year.

Our board consists of nine total members. And five members of the board are people with self-identified disabilities. And two of our Board Members are direct family members of individual with disabilities.

We have a total of five full-time staff. And three-part time staff. Five -- of our staff members, two full-time, and three part-time are individuals with disabilities. And we are headed by chief executive officer with a congenital disability. Our main programs are ramp programs. We provide between ten-12 ramps per year. And we also provide direct items to folks and consumers at no cost things such as bedside could he modes, grab bars, and high-powered magnifiers and talking items such as Wayne scales and calculators. And we have a robust loner program for assistive technology. And we loan things like CCTV. And desktop and hand-held CCTV and glasses or can pens among other things. And we appreciated you inviting us to come over and speak today. And we look forward to continuing to

work with you. Thank you.

>>>: Thanks, Tracy.

>>>: Uh-huh.

>>>: Becky was going to speak as well. I will go ahead and do that. Thank you. Becky you should be able to go ahead and give your presentation.

>>>: Sorry I couldn't get my finger on the screen right, I'm from ATA. Our office is located in Vincent in Knox County. We serve Green Davie and Martin and Pike and Gibson counties with the additional state dollars that cover another county in Indiana. We were formed as non-profit in 1992 began as a ATA center becoming the first in November of 1992, and it became a state funded independent living on December first, and 1995 received the first federal funding of 1995 and like all the CILs in the state we provide the advocacy and INR peer and support and IL is and transition, and, we have a group that we, and for many years, since actually before ATA received the first federal funding, it's called the care and account group it was create in the summer of 1993 the group began with young teens with various disability who were not receiving the same quality education and community-based programming students receive today.

And the group was designed to help develop social skills and support for greater independence what began was its monthly meeting involved into weekly meeting over the past 33 years this group has grown into a very strong self-advocacy organization. And the group participates in weekly activities such as sharing

personal accomplishments or concerns as well as educational sessions with nurses from the health office and other local entities--they host traditional Thanksgiving dinner with around sixty friends and family. And they adopt a child each Christmas to provide gifts, they enjoy summer outings and miniature golf. They participate with the students at Vincent University, they are similar ages, as a lot of service peers join them in community activity. The group maintains a steady attendance of about 35 or more, and, when they have the -- host their Thanksgiving dinner, one of the things that I thought was really special for this group, this usually invites anybody that's running for public office in the area.

And then they proceed to tell them what they need in the community to help, make their independence greater, they got life on the tennis court one year, and in 200 the we launch the ramp it up project, all ramps in the ADA guidance are, after hearing of the speak on the radio about helping his hands, and disaster relief organization, and they want to expand their local impact so we connected with them eventually they became the construction crew, which a increase our capacity, to date we have completed 270 ramp and say low rise step projects they don't only build for us, they build for other folks too. But they do a wonderful job, they work only designed to do disaster relief, if you couldn't get out of your home that's a disaster. And in 2008, ATA started home care, in home community supports so individuals can continue to live as independently as possible our staff are trained in the independent philosophy which, and staff are not allowed to provide services outside of the

approved definition of homemaker and such as administering medication but we are committed to all the tasks are complete according to the consumers preferences with this, believes it makes us unique in our area. We are excited to continue building on these projects and supporting---it's great and developing new ideas to further the mission, thank you.

>>>: Thanks, Becky.

>>>: Are you able to hear me now?

>>>: Yes, you are coming through fine now, Amy.

>>>: Good, and thank you, Tracy and Becky, for presenting today and I hope that in doing so, it helps council members and members of the public understand a little bit about how centers differ in their region and the different things they are doing in each area. So, I had a statement to share today. Independent Indiana consists of several forward focused center representatives through the state to whom together collectively and actively, to positively collaborate regarding such areas as sharing best practices, uniform reporting and data collection, and supporting house bills and advocating for funding, and coming together for the retention of lobbyist with non-federal dollars providing educational training and more. And independence Indiana was incorporated as a 501C3 organization, to enable the ability to apply for perspective grants and to enhance opportunities such as the provision of educational training to various groups regarding topics associated with the individuals with disabilities and independent living. Repeated statement provided as public

comment confusing the Indiana statewide network which consists of the INSILC, and CILs and the DSE. Using the statewide network with independent Indiana whether intentional or unintentional is baseless, there is no statute or rule regulation prohibiting continuing the progressive work of this mission, and positively impacting individuals with disabilities. In fact, in 2022, independence Indiana successful advocated for increase from less than a million to increase of 2 million and annual funding which benefited IL centers in the state of Ian. If you require further clarification of the definition of the IL statewide network, please refer to ILTTA center.org, and or ACL.gov, thank you.

>>>: Thanks, Amy. Kacie, before you go on, can I make treasury report.

>>>: Thank you, this is Kacie.

>>>: I tried to read the financials, this is why it pays to have a good treasurer. I want to point out with the four-grant payment that we received, we are \$96,043 ahead of revenue, \$30,000--we are ahead--not 20. Thanks, Anna for keeping me on track, it's important.

>>>: All right.

>>>: For that correction.

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: Next up we have Amy Luellen who is our designated state entity representative and do you have a state report?

>>>: This is Amy Luellen. The State does not have anything to report on at this

time.

>>>: Thank you, Amy, we appreciate you. And all right, we have next up the SPIL committee report. Chris.

>>>: Can you hear me?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Okay. The SPIL committee has been working with INSILC we have as far as --

>>>: I can't hear you.

>>>: I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Let me turn it up lit see if that helps.

>>>: I don't think that will help, Chris, just one second.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: I had laryngitis, too.

>>>: I don't think that's the issue.

>>>: Chris, can you go ahead and try again?

>>>: Can you hear me?

>>>: Better?

>>>: Very muffled it sounds like --

[Indiscernible by Captioner]

>>>: Can you maybe scoot back from your computer a little bit, Chris?

>>>: Yeah.

>>>: Does that help?

>>>: No.

>>>: No.

>>>: Hold on. [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Um. Because I have got one of those cameras at the top.

[Indiscernible by Captioner]

>>>: I'm sorry. Thank you.

>>>: So, with your SPIL committee we had the guardianship work group that we had been working with for about five or six-weeks and we're moving on now to alternative to guardianship solely. And the work group we met with --an alternative to guardianship--met earlier this month. And have recommended approval by the council of the NICL guardianship statement.

>>>: Hold on, Chris.

>>>: I want to make sure we have accessibility for Catherine.

>>>: The captioning is --

We can't --

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Give us a second.

>>>: This is Kacie.

>>>: It's echoing.

>>>: But I'm, --

I can't match what they are saying on the captions.

>>>: All right.

>>>: Excuse me, I have a question. Mike, is there a StreamText captioning link available from the captioner.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Katy if I send this to you, can you put that in the interpreter chat? Yes.

>>>: That's right.

>>>: Kacie I will put this link in the chat, send this to you. All right.

>>>: Email.

>>>: The background noise is very distracting.

>>>: Okay.

Yes.

>>>: Chris Spinks.

>>>: Thank you for patience we're trying to get the link to you.

>>>: Sent that to Kacie.

>>>: All right.

Chris Spinks.

>>>: I sent it to your email.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Now that I did that, I can text it to you as well.

>>>: Email or text it?

>>>: I emailed and I am texting that right now.

Just sent that, thank you --

>>>: I want to make sure that this is working, thank you.

>>>: This is Kacie I dropped the StreamText link did everyone in the interpreter, Zoom receive that or just the one interpreter? (background noise).

>>>: This is Mike, I also--.

>>>: Yes, I have got it--this is Catherine.

>>>: All right. So, everybody has received that, that's the actual caption link. That is the link for StreamText.

All right. Chris, can you please try to go ahead and see if that works?

>>>: Can you guys hear me there in the room?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Okay.

So, we had our first alternative to guardianship meeting this month. And the work group discussed several things, but we did decide that -- several of us decided that the council should support the NICL guardianship position statement. And this group will focus on alternative and -- possibly if we can come up with a way some of the alternatives to guardianship will be included in the SPIL document itself. We have met, we have assisted Mike we had 3 CIL forums and 3 employee staff forums we'll be doing public forums for comments on the SPIL, and I want to emphasize

we're taking comments. We have not actually started writing the SPIL yet. We are going to take these comments and then we're going to start working through the SPIL to try to put where these things should go. It's a huge document. And we'll do it as we go. But we have not technically started writing the spill, we have not had, besides the public comment that we got during its forums last year we did not have the public comment that we want in the upcoming forums in the future here, in preparation of the new SPIL. And update on the JOA88 project, and with the help of Megan, and the SPIL that forwarded data, we got the information put together in the spreadsheet. And I forwarded to Nikolas; he's the director of ADA Indiana Department of corrections. He was tickled, he never imagined it would be that much detailed and information, he wanted me to thank you, personally, Megan.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: And the rest of the SPILs that work on the list.

>>>: He did say the CILs. I will let him know that they participated in what he's going to do with that data --

Get access to the jail, so we can go in there and start to tell people about the ADA from the department of corrections standpoint. Speaking with Mike and Katy, and I asked him to forward us some information that-- sent as guidance for the jail. And we are going to do a mailing initially of all of that data to let them know -- what they could be doing, possibly cover letter that says -- this, these individuals have this information. Or send his name and number as a contact. He is also going to

report back to us. As he does this work on who he talks to what the outcomes have been, so we'll have more of an idea we'll get to the information to the how we have progressed with this, what we can do better. That's all I have for the SPIL committee we are starting some New Work groups they haven't begun yet.

>>>: All right, thank you, Chris. Next up we have nomination committee report.

>>>: Yep, thanks everybody, this is Mike. And well get to the new nominee in new business, but I want to let everybody know we are continuing to work with the governor's offices with the nominees we are five nominee with in the cue working with them to get an answer whether they are approved or not, continue to keep you up you to Rita, has in able to attend the meeting and I will work with the other committee members to give the report at the June meeting, happy to do that it's great for everybody to hear from other committee members, too. We'll have that in June.

>>>: Thank you, Mike. Next, we'll move to old business. And up first is our SPIL and CAP status. CAP, corrective action plan.

>>>: And yes Mike again, thanks Kacie I want give a quick update we have made a lot of progress here on progressing through the cap, you will see several new things post to the website you will see a public comment tracker of the feedback page of the site, after today meeting you will see a copy of the year one, and SPIL report and a copy the SPIL dashboard that will be posted there. Sews are three of the big items for ACL asked for, those will be as soon as the meeting is over and kudos to Kacie and Katy. That's all the partners behind the scenes have been pulling this together,

hopefully you will be through the CAP and I will follow-up with Kacie, shortly after this meeting, too. To let them know that's post and get an update for them.

>>>: All right. Thank you, Mike. And my understanding of that is all that we have for old business. We'll now move on to new business. The first item on the list is the new council member. That's been nominated.

>>>: Yep.

>>>: Thanks, this is Mike reporting for the nomination committee we received a nominee from the Governor's office. Her name is Danielle Bradley, nomination committee had a chance to interview her and review her application materials and I think she's going to bring a lot of great background to the council. And she's a person with a -- complex medical issues herself as well as having a son with significant disabilities she has a background in education, and particularly special education she's done work helping folks the IEP system and she's, and she's done advocate are for people that are deaf and hard-of-hearing, I think she'll be a great addition, nomination committee we really please with her and had a chance to interview her, I think we, she'll make a contribution and excited to have her, then we need a defend.

I'm sorry, motion to approve Danielle to the council then we'll have a vote for her.

>>>: This is Amy Browning-Varble and I will make a motion.

>>>: So, this is Kacie, we have a motion on the floor to accept the nominee for Danielle, submission to the governor's office for possible appointment, do we have a

second?

>>>: This is Christine, I will second the motion.

>>>: Christina Trimneell raised their hand.

>>>: And.....

>>>: I have a question, this is Ann. Did this name come from the Governor's office? Am I understanding that correctly? Instead of the other way around? Like it normally does?

>>>: It's a good question, Ann, this did come from the Governor's office, but as a nominating committee did interview her and talked about her application as other nominees.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: This is Kacie, any other questions before we go on to vote?

>>>: No other questions, proud to accept Danielle Bradley, as a new council member, nominee to commit to the governor's office for member of the member of the council. So, it will be a roll call vote. Luis?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Anna?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And I'm sorry, accept, okay. Jennifer?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Amy?

>>>: Yes, accept.

>>>: And Ann?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Halie.

>>>: Accept

>>>: And Linda?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Christina?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Catherine?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: I wrote yes, too.

>>>: All right, so the vote passes unanimously. To accept her on to as a nominee to the governor's office. Thank you for -- your time on that.

The next thing we have is the position on the N CIL guardianship statement as far as approving that.

>>>: Thank you, Kacie, everybody should have gotten a statement of the NICL guardianship with the apartment for this meeting, I want to reiterate the alternative to guardianship work group, had talked about this thoroughly over the course of 2025. And came back again, astern to guardianship, work group. Hearing from those folks we recommend that, the NICL statement is aligned with the IL philosophy we

really need to approve that as a council it is within our scope of work to do, that the alternative to guardianship work group, will continue to work on alternative to guardianship and make sure that people with disabilities have other resources in the community, we'll do that in conjunction with its focuses of the work group and the network, I want to bring that to the council to approve the NICL guardianship statement, I would like to let you know, several of the CILs around the statement approved the statement as well, we'll be joining them in doing so. So, we would need a motion from the council to approve the NICL guardianship statement.

>>>: Hey, Mike.

>>>: Thank you. Can you read that policy so we know what the policy is?

>>>: We have copies.

>>>: We didn't have copies of it. And we don't have copies for people in the room.

>>>: But we will --

>>>: You have to make a comment on it.

>>>: This is Amy, I want to remind everybody it's a business meeting and that statement was sent out to all of us, but yeah, I would like to make a motion to accept that statement.

>>>: Thanks, Amy.

>>>: You're welcome.

>>>: I have a question, please?

>>>: This is Catherine, I second.

>>>: Thanks, Catherine.

>>>: This is Kacie. Mike, I just handed you a copy of the Nick national council of independent living guardianship to position statement. Can you please Reed that for us.

>>>: Kacie who second the motion?

>>>: It was Catherine.

>>>: Catherine.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Yes, thank you.

>>>: Okay this is Mike, I will read the NICL guardianship statement this was posted on August 25, 2020, NICL, national council for independent living opposed the use of guardianship for people with disabilities.

>>>: I'm sorry this is the interpreter, Mike you mind reading a little bit for the interpreter.

>>>: I'm sorry.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Guardianship is a legal process that decides that an adult disability has rendered incapacitated, they were awarded and assigned a guardian all of their decision-making powers are transfer to the guardian, adult under guardianship do not have the legal authority to make decision about employment and voting and

healthcare and marriage and family, where they live, and where other are important past their life, guardianship is an attempt to be a lifelong situation, is tremendously difficult impossible to reverse the talk of guardianship when a people with disabilities, is approaching their 18th birthday, from an early age, medical providers set low expectation for children with disabilities and do not give them a chance to explore interests, skills and talents that help lead to independence. Parents of people with disabilities are rarely given the resource how the alternative to guardianship. Instead, when a child is at an early age, they are often told the medical providers, lawyers, and social workers and educators to plan for a future where guardianship is the only option. The independent living philosophy is grounded in the unwavering belief that all people with disabilities must have the right to make decisions about their own lives. Guardianship distances people, that's right. SPIL or centers for independent living can and should help consumers avoid guardianship at all costs, not only is this an important civil rights issue but assisting consumers to maintain control of their lives is also one of the main goals of the independent living program and philosophy. NACL national council on independent living considers guardianship to be a form of institutionalization depriving individuals with disabilities of a essential freedoms and suppressing individual choice and personal he can presentation and egg making Self-determination impossible, more over the use of guardianship, foster the perception that adult 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. That's the national council for independent living does support less restrictive to alternative such as supported making and SDM or power of attorney and, and decision-making, by asking trusted advisors for guidance it allows the individual to remain in control and directed decision the decision about their life, it allows disabled adult who need assistance in deciding making to choose trusted friend and family members or professionals to help them understand the situation with choices so they can make an informed decision. POA, permit the individual to ask others to make decisions on their behalf. But also, to revoke that authority when they feel proposed to resume the decision-making role. Through SDM when POA, creates agreement formal informal or both is there ever empowered to direct their own life without losing the basic rights we take for granted by maintaining the legal right to self-governed a person is free to lead their own life, national council for independent living encourages all centers for independent living and all state wide living counsel council to work with the local and state leaders to bring about change by advocating for recognized alternatives to guardianship. And all policies and legislation about people with disabilities should include input from consumers and have the following assumption. All adults with disabilities should be presumed to have a capacity to be able to live in the manner they wish and to accept or refuse support, assistance or protection. All adults with disabilities should be involved and make the final decision about the management of their affairs.

The way an adult with a disability communicates with others, is not ground for deciding that the adult is incapable of decision-making.

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: That's it.

>>>: Thank you, Mike.

So, we have a motion on the floor for the Indiana statewide independent council to accept the national council of independent living guardianship position statement, the position that we accept that regarding guardianship. So now we have a first and second so we need to do a roll call vote of accepting the statement or not. As a council position. First up is, Luis.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And then Anna Thompson-Jones? To keep yes.

>>>: And Jennifer David?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Amy Browning-Varble.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Ann Barnhart?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Halie Brown?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Linda Greeno?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Christina?

>>>: Yeah.

>>>: Yes, that was a yes.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Thank you for the clarification, Christina Trimnell was a yes. And Catherine Vest.

>>>: Yes, Kacie Weldy, yes.

>>>: All right. So, the motion passes unanimously. And the statewide independent living council accepts the national council of living statement.

[APPLAUSE].

This is Mike, we'll post something on the website to reflect that.

>>>: Yes, so this will be added to an INSILC website of this acceptance of this position. All right. Thank you. So next up we have our SPIL, our state plan for independent living year one report, and Chris Spinks our SPIL chair will be talking about that.

>>>: Okay. All right. Thank you. It's my understanding everyone on the council has got a full copy of this report.

>>>: Yes. That's correct.

>>>: So, I will hit the highlight. Because I have got laryngitis and my voice may not make it through. So, this is the INSILC 2025, 2027 SPIL one annual report.

And, overview and comments the executive summary is during the first year of the -- 2025, 2027 of independent living are the SPIL the independent living network made progress and strengthening the capacity and increasing community engagement and advancing system advocating the year received areas where some activities were delayed or needed adjustment these lessons will help improve planning and implementation, under goal one, --

Which is build resource capacity of the IL network. And states IL network successfully met goal one, with most year one goal indicator met or exceeded and at the bottom, it has the network also developed and distributed resource capacity assessment receiving responses from all centers although the analysis was not completed within year one the process created a strong data foundation and analysis has since been finalized to guide future capacity-building efforts the delay was not due to structural --

>>>: Hey, Chris.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Could I interrupt you we are running behind on time, can you give us a bulleted update of the report?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: I can do that.

>>>: Perfect.

>>>: Anyone have any questions about the report as it stands?

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Here's the goal summary.

SPIL goal overall, 18 out of 33 SPIL objectives were exceeded met or substantially met, and an additional is an indicator they had some progress, only 4 indicators were not met or had no progress. And the majority ever all of the indicators were met or partially met. And goal three -- objective two, was not met, I think that's because we had no way to actually collected data. We are correcting that.

>>>: That's pretty much the sum of that, isn't it Mike? On the funding, I was happy about this. The funding the goal was to increase I think by 2% that everyone increases their other resources at the center level by 4.63%, and making a difference of 6 million, 842, 6 million, 362,000, \$280,000. And our PP, the respectable increase was 2% with the goal and increased it to 18.4%. So, we are making good progress on the SPIL. And like I said you guys, you have the actual document. Is that okay, Mike?

>>>: I think that's good, Chris, everybody has the document if they have questions, they can bring that up. But we need a motion and second to approve that.

>>>: This is Kacie, we need that motion to accept the SPIL report as presented so we can share that on the INSILC website.

>>>: This is Anna. I make a motion.

>>>: Okay to accept.

>>>: This is Luis I second that.

>>>: All right. This is Kacie, we have a motion on the floor to accept the SPIL annual report, year one. As it was presented to the council. We will -- go through roll call vote now, Luis?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Anna.

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Jennifer David?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Amy Browning-Varble.

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Ann Barnhart?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Halie Brown.

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Linda Greeno?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Christina Trimnell?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Catherine Vest?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: I myself I accept.

So, the motion passes unanimously. Report will be shared on the INSILC website. And shared publicly. All right. So, our next agenda item is the SPIL dashboard report, it's in a new format that was presented from our meeting in September. I will turn it over to Mike, to discuss little more details.

>>>: Thanks, Kacie, as we start I want to take one second to just thank our operations manager, Katy Myers, for putting together that SPIL report and the dashboard, lots of folks have seen and it contributed thanks but Katy put that together, thanks so much, we wouldn't have these without your hard work, thanks for that. And I want to say with the SPIL dashboard, this is something that ACL specifically asked for, we think it's great to give you guys more concise and more up to date information on where the current SPIL is. Where we are with the indicators for those. So I will not read through indicator on here but I want to mention just a couple of things there a SPIL dashboard publishing schedule on page 2 that will we'll show you when we are getting the data our goal is to have that up, you can see the next version of this, and where the plan is to have that posted and there is a nice summary of where the goals in terms of as Chris was talking, we have exceeded them or met them or partially met so you can see a summary of where they are there. In this dashboard, for everything that is, either partially met or not met or no progress we have remediation plan, where we are talking about how we'll get those up that, or exceeded we are addressing all of that, anything that's falling short of where we want it to be, and we have a plan to see how we'll fix those things, that will get updated on

the website as soon as we have that approved, we want you to have a chance to see the new format that you got with your packet of information, with the report, we'll need a motion and second to accept.

>>>: Okay. Questions, we're happy to entertain questions. Sorry.

>>>: This is Ann, I would just like to say I appreciate the breath and the explanation as well. Both make it a lot more understandable and I make a motion to accept.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: This is Kacie.

>>>: I send.

>>>: This is Catherine I second.

>>>: Okay. Thank you.

>>>: All right, so we now have a motion on the floor to accept the spill dashboard format report. That will be continuing on ongoing basis and posted on the INSILC website for review. So, we have a motion to, we are going to do the roll call vote. First, we have Luis.

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And okay. Then we have Anna Thompson-Jones?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Jennifer David?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Amy Browning-Varble.

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Ann Barnhart?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Halie Brown.

>>>: Accept?

>>>: Linda Greeno?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Christina Trimnell?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Catherine Vest?

>>>: Yes, accept. I as chair also accept. This motion also passes unanimously.

That we will accept the dashboard report as presented and to be posted on the INSILC website for public review.

All right. Mike, we now have the accessibility emergency preparedness proposal.

>>>: Yes, thanks Kacie. So, we received a proposal from friends at accessibility for a project called nothing about you, without us, and disability emergency preparedness summit and symposium, they are asking us to give them a grant for \$20,000 to sponsor that the total event cost is \$37,000. So we would be not covering the full cost of that event but couple of things about this, it's a really cool

project working with in Hendriks county about emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, and some of the outcomes I want to highlight is the, they are expecting two-three projects launched over 80% of the project goals to be achieved within six months. And the 25 people with disabilities will be trained in emergency preparedness and project leadership, 50 or more total attendees will attend The Summit session and one of the outcomes will be a document, with needs and advocacy results that will be available to you and the CIL statewide to support outreach and replication. And then they are going to have a concise playbook which will include agenda roles, and other counties you can copy this and do it across Indiana.

And so it really, is I think really good project, you guys have a copy of the proposal in your packet and I want to also mention to, too I it hit several of the SPIL goals, if you look there from the emergency preparedness goal to system change, across the network, building collaboration and. Outreach, so it really does hit five or six goals for us from a budget perspective ago I mentioned we are performing favorable to budget. And significantly, so we are doing very well financially the \$20,000 asking price is not a concern from budget standpoint. And it seems like an easy project to recommend to the council, if they agree to funds, they are asking for \$20,000, we would ask for a motion from the council to approve that. That grant request.

>>>: Is it any questions or discussion?

>>>: This is Amy, and I want to say I like the idea of other counties getting to

utilize the information all through the state as well. That's great. I will make a motion to approve.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: All right. This is Kacie we have a motion on the floor; do we have a second?

>>>: This is Christina I will second that.

>>>: All right. All right, this is Kacie, we have a motion on the floor to accept the emergency preparedness proposal from accessibility and supporting the project and providing \$20,000 for that project. The motion, so we now have our roll call vote to either accept or not. Luis?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Anna Thompson Jones?

>>>: Accept to keep and Jennifer David?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Amy Browning?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Ann Barnhart?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Halie Brown?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Linda Greeno?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: And Christina Trimmell?

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Catherine Vest? abstain.

>>>: Okay.

And Kacie, as chair, I abstain, also.

I abstain from that as a resident of Hendriks County. All right, so this this is Kacie with the motion passes. And with majority yes and two abstain, we'll move on.

Mike, we now have an inclusion institute. Where are we at with that?

>>>: Mike, we are working on a project to sponsor the inclusion institute, we are still finding solutions. So, we'll table that vote for your June meeting.

>>>: All right.

This is Kacie, okay so the inclusion institute proposal will be tabled to the next meeting, and next we have the strategic plan discussion. Also, Mike.

>>>: Yes, I did cover that in the Executive Director report, we are seeking facilitator for the strategic planning process, we have application in the executive committee is reviewing once we have an update with that can we'll share that with the full council.

>>>: All right, thank you. Is there any other new business that we need to be covered? From the council?

>>>: Okay, so this is Kacie, I don't see any requests for any other new business,

we'll close out new business and it will be time for 15 more minutes of public comment. Mike, and Katy I will turn over to you, to help with online and in person.

>>>: I see three hands the first hand is John, and Jason then Ramona.

>>>: I didn't have my hand up.

>>>: I had my hand up.

>>>: You are Ramona I apologize I got the names confused [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: Can I suggest that since we have 17 minutes maybe go until 4:00 o'clock.

>>>: We actually have the accommodation reserve until 4:30 if we go a little over 4:00 o'clock that will be okay.

>>>: It takes so long.

>>>: Of course.

>>>: Yes, so I got Jackie, is it okay if you go after Jackie?

>>>: I didn't have my hand up.

>>>: You were raising your hand to point out my mistake.

>>>: Yes, I apologize. Sorry about that. I see you now. Sorry about that.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Thank you, John, with the league, first of all, thank you INSILC for actually adopting NICL guardianship I appreciate that. However, that said I would like to point while we face legislative in the state General Assembly, we face within the executive branch of the administration which right now has a request for information

out title innovation and the numbers 26-855-24, and let me scroll here to let you what it's going to do. Sorry, I was looking at this on my phone.

>>>: What were the numbers again? 26-855-24.

>>>: Thank you. So, in a is that it? removed the state developmental centers or institution whatever you want to call them by 2007 this is to, hold on.

The Indiana family and social service administration disability and rehab services which is exploring the possibility of expanding the availability of comprehensive rehabilitation management needs facility CRMNF beds across the state, and intention this would create a facility that are ten beds or less, and for people with intellectual disabilities or dual diagnosed with mental illness, it's supposed to be short-term rehabilitation, however when we done away with our state institution we should be looking at home and community-based services not seeking for profit providers to provide these services if you take a look type in that can number, I would concerned about this one, thank you.

>>>: Thank you, John. Hello, my name is Jason Glen. I'm here to tell you that the amazing people at Everybody Counts, last year, in September, and I was one of my friends and colleagues that are in the room today had the opportunity of a lifetime when we attended a conference. Most of us knew nothing about each other. And now we are family. Even when an individual came into our center, during one of our sessions and attacked us, and it showed that we are resilient and we are here to help you. My question is whether I can address, Mike, Mike, I would be honored to

be appointed by the Governor, how can me, or colleagues, get on nomination list and how can we help you--thank you.

>>>: Sure, this is Mike, I can answer that. We have council applications I believe are on our website we'll start our summer campaign for recruitment that actually starts in June---once that gets out, you will see on the website and social media, if you are following us in those places you will see that as soon as it's out.

>>>: Hi, my name is Jackie, and I started as just an individual then I have later -- Become involved in independent living. And what I noticed very quickly, even very apparent in this meeting, there is no community. Absolutely none. Those of you that are at the table and those of you that are online, there is no conversation. How are we supposed to get feedback, how are we supposed to be able -- to support you guys or even get support for ourselves when there is no conversation?

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: You know -- I -- I find it horrid because it's -- it's the same thing over and over again. Whether it be in our community that there is no support, in our government there is no support, then also to see it here in the people that are supposed to be helping us. You know? You guys have a platform that you could use for good. And it isn't being used for good, it is using it for other things. Thank you.

>>>: We have somebody online who would like to make a comment. Nancy would like to make a comment we'll move to this comment and then we'll go back to

our in-person comments.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Thanks, Katy, Nancy, I just allowed you give gave you to speak.

>>>: She's still muted.

>>>: Okay. Nancy, you should be able to unmute on your end and -- make your comment.

>>>: Okay. Can you hear me?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Okay. I'm Nancy, so I have -- two questions. First question is we started the work groups this year, I believe. When are the work groups going to meet, for example, the medical work group?

>>>: Sure, I can address that. This is Mike, so the healthcare work group did meet had their first meeting this week. And the alternative to guardianship work group met last week; the focus group met this week as well. And then the emergency preparedness work group we're still working on scheduling that meeting.

>>>: Okay. I didn't get an email for the health work group.

>>>: I will Nancy, I will go back and double check to make sure that you are on the mailing list for that.

>>>: Okay, thank you and one more question. How can we get -- organizations that are -- you know for the various disability, how can we get to know about the centers for independent living? Do you plan on partnering with some of them; to

know about the services the centers provide or make them aware of the council and these meetings? Yeah, good question, Nancy we are working on the outreach now, we are available to come to community events and those sorts of things. If you have organizations you think we should reach out to, please send this or send to our email, and we would be happy to attend that -----we are trying to get the word out, places that we can do, we are happy to make the connections.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: You're welcome.

>>>: We have our next comment here in the room from Leslie.

>>>: This is Lesley, the quote about the network, IL network our terms the IL network means network -- federally -- it's a federally definition. While I appreciate the unsolicited commercial for independence Indiana that's not who I was talking about.

>>>: Um, first I want to, I want to thank Mike and Katy for taking time to read the policy about guardianship, and the NICL statement, I know I appreciate you taking time out of the meeting to do that it took time away from you, to do that and the other thing I ask you guys a question, you guys have talked about outreach. I heard a lot about the website, I am just wondering what other forms of communication are you using to get on the community about meetings and events beside the website is there anything else you are doing or working on to improve that and become more visual, other than the website for people?

>>>: So, this is Kacie. So, couple of things, there are town halls being scheduled. We are as far as if you are talking about feedback in general. We are in discussion and trying to arrange for setting up sessions for information, forums for people to be able to give -- feedback and informing both on the SPIL and without. The town halls are happening, those are places that feedback can be given on what we are doing, pulling in local lawmakers and officials at the time trying to collect that feedback and information at the same time. You are absolutely on the feedback website, we'll try to come up with some other ways, but we are reaching out to veteran agencies to youth groups and so forth, and names plan has been created for that. We are starting the process of --

Eventually as part of the state plan for independent living, we'll be having focus groups that's pulling in the different groups. And so, it's coming. We are working on getting these things scheduled. So, it is not just the website. So, there are all of these different things, and Mike and Katy, have been working hard on trying to get a lot of things scheduled and getting these in place.

>>>: I need to clarify, I'm not talking about that, talking about this meeting, how did you get out to do the meeting, they are having this meeting, beside posting that on it's website, what other avenues were used to let the public know about this meeting and any other meeting, not just for, for feedback, for the SPIL, any meeting, INSILC is having, what other meetings, for what are you doing do get feedback, how are you letting people that things are occurring in this meeting, what other avenues

beside posting on the website, we are having a meeting this is the agendas that's what I am asking.

>>>: Thanks, this meeting goes out in the newsletter, we post on social media. And we would love to get the word out more if you or other folk in the community have suggestion object ways for us to do that, we would be happy to take those.

>>>: My question is actually for Katy, Katy by ever I ask my question, and no disrespected to you at all. But we're angry. And my question to you, many organizations like yours have pop-up tents that go to events like best buddy's rock. And with special links Indiana and others, there are many opportunities for INSILC to have tents Mike reported things on the budget that's a beautiful thing to have too much money. Would it be possible for some of that money to be used to attend event, so that the public knows what you are doing. If the public doesn't know that you exist, how are we supposed to engage?

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: I appreciate that. The answer is, we have been attending some resource fairs we attend---I don't have the numbers I can't rattle all the numbers of the events right off the top of my head I can send you an email with more detailed report. Let me write that down, so I don't forget.

>>>: Ann Barnhart has her hand up.

>>>: Let me finish responding to Jason. We do attend community events with tables. Admittedly we are always looking for more. So we do our best to attend

them when we are, excuse me, we do our best to attend when we are invited it is one of the things that we're trying to be better at always improving the outreach so that we do hear event so that we can participate the answer a little bit both, we have participated in these events and we would like to do more.

>>>: If I could get you some names of events I will email them to you. I have some resources as well.

>>>: That would be wonderful, we would be attending, and we would be happy to.

>>>: I saw Ann; Ann Barnhart?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: I would just like to encourage people -- if they have an issue, in the state that they would like to talk to the legislators about, when you are having these focus groups, some of the times we're having our legislators attend. Please come, and please let your voices be heard. Let them know how you are feeling and let them know what you think about certain issues. They are not going to know unless we tell them, so.

>>>: So, I would just encourage people to do that.

>>>: Okay, we have, we'll let Chris speak then I have a comment from Brianna in the chat.

>>>: Okay. This is Chris I want to say -- if INSILC has information that we could take with us as CILs or other advocates, we should be taking that information along with us as well. Because there is only what three people in the INSILC

office, so we could also help do that advocacy and that outreach for INSILC as a council.

>>>: Okay, thanks.

>>>: Then I want to -- read Brianna was having microphone issues she didn't raise your hand. She said I am having issue with the microphone but I want to ask the council shares the public concerns about legislation facing section 504 and people dying, I'm still very put off by the lack of response to Jarom and Johns comments.

>>>: Kacie, people are dying?

>>>: Hold on a second.

>>>: This is Kacie---yes, I care that people are dying? I will say, as far as Section 504, we are this is where the council would like to work with the centers. Because as federally mandated the council kind lobby directly we can provide information, but let's work together see what we can do to collaborate with the centers. And with our communities. What can be done now. What that looks like, I don't know yet. Just to Chris said, there are three people in the INSILC office. This entire council is, we are volunteers, but we do have a responsibility to participate and try to make a difference.

>>>: Okay I see Chris has a comment we'll read, but we are so Teresa has a comment first.

>>>: I will wait until everybody Chris wrote in the chat I would like to know when the public comment session actually become news of engagement with the

community served it's not good enough that you hear questions need answered not empty promises what we need is meaningful conversation, I have heard several times over several meetings that phraseology posting a response on the web page is not meaningful conversation that is the way you truly learn and what community thinks and needs. Communities.

>>>: Thanks, Chris. Respond to that, we have the public comment dashboard is on our website, that will be updated within a week after the meeting where we put the follow-up what we are doing with each comment that's a good way to kind of see how we are taking and United Stating that feedback.

>>>: I would add that we do our best to have conversation and respond like Amy Browning-Varble pointed out this is a business meeting we have to keep it moving so they are in time.

>>>: So --

Great.

>>>: Okay. Sorry to jump the line a little bit. So, couple of comments really quick, in regard to Amy report on independence Indiana. And as part of her center director report. There is a perceived conflict of interest created by having two different networks in this state. Your inclusion of that in the center director report just supports that perception of conflict of interest. That conflict of interest was also supported last year when this council which at that time had at least four people employed by centers that are part of independence Indiana to award a grant to

Indiana, the only person that recused themselves from the vote was the center for director representative there were six other members that were absent you have to look at your own minutes to see there was not eligible quorum to vote and award that funding, without people who were actually employed by centers that would benefit from this funding. That is a conflict of interest. That you guys did blatantly, and the other thing that I want to comment everybody with a disability at some point impact by non-verbals that are community sends to us, whether you are going into a hotel room you have to ask somebody to lower the shower head so you can use it or you are in a restaurant or grocery store where you can't access the information or programs or the accessible accommodation. Look at the non-verbals that you set up in this room for your first hybrid Public Meeting in over a year.

We came in, there was nobody to welcome us because you were all facing away from the door, facing away from us. And you did recognize me though. And I want to applaud you guys for accepting finally accepting NICL statement on guardianship. And why were you ever in a position where you felt like you needed to vote to accept that. It doesn't make any sense. Look at these things and think about what you were doing. When you knowingly set up a room that's about people with disabilities, the public being able to engage with you, and why would you set it up so that people with disabilities would come in and have a rearrangement room?

>>>: A lot of different reasons.

>>>: You didn't put the thought on how to---you were not sending the non-verbal

message to the people that are here to engage with you. That is the same issue that happens in restaurants and hotels and grocery stores, everything that we engage with, you are here to be our connection. And our engagement and our advocacy. The reason I brought up section 504 is specifically to your system advocacy. And goals in the SPIL. You talk about having made progress in the SPIL, but you have done nothing to make certain that our state gets out of that lawsuit. For two-years. That's my comment.

>>>: This is Mike, if you have -- this is our first hybrid meeting I hear the comments about the room set up and the way, allowing folks to feel included, so well take that feedback and well incorporate that into the into our next meeting this is the first attempt at it, so we are trying to continue to try to make that better.

>>>: That's good.

>>>: But none of you do.

>>>: I appreciate that, but none of are new, all of you have been on hybrid meetings you loud 15-minutes before the agenda began to figure out the issue and say you still had them going on for another 20.

>>>: That 15-minutes wouldn't have fixed the orientation, the table is not to make you feel excluded we can consider in the future I don't think your criticism is fair.

>>>: Sure, it is.

>>>: You all live here. Every single one of you.

>>>: You know, you are supposed to know, what makes a room accessible. If we

were training the first thing, done put your back against the audience.

>>>: This is Kacie.

>>>: Have random seating that's standard rules. Of access to Public Meetings. If this is a council, independent living you don't know, I'm sorry -- TV I beg your pardon.

[Indiscernible by Captioner]

>>>: I can't hear.

>>>: What.

>>>: Nothing was said.

>>>: Nothing was said.

>>>: So, there is no excuse for you not knowing how to set up a Public Meeting that is welcome to people with disabilities. There is no excuse. Nothing. That you can say that makes that excusable.

>>>: You are you ready to give your comment?

>>>: Thanks for all the feedback, and I have a statement to read on behalf of the Board of Directors staff, and disability community served by the centers, but first I want to ask, who -- was the genius that selected this location -- for Public Meeting the first one you had in six years.

>>>: The sounds like the answer to the question won't be received very well.

>>>: That's a hell of an assumption, I asked who the person was -- that identified a location not on a bus line, 25 miles North of Indianapolis to have your first Public

Meeting in six years. What was, what was the rationale behind that decision.

>>>: Sure, this is Mike. So, we -- sought recommendations from our network, this is a location that had been a successful conference for people with disabilities, in the past. And so.

>>>: I'm in the network I am in the network. I am sick and tired of you guys talking about network. Because we are in the independent living network as defined by the federal regulations, we were not asked, because the first thing I would have told you to be on a bus line is all the standard guidelines for having a Public Meeting, and conference is not a Public Meeting. Two different standards. Anyway.

[APPLAUSE].

>>>: This is Kacie. It's after 4:00 o'clock, comment.

>>>: She told me until 4:15?

>>>: We have time to finish.

>>>: She just told me that, nice try.

>>>: No.

>>>: Nice try [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

>>>: If you had been listening to the conversations.

>>>: I was asking you to stop.

>>>: I beg your pardon.

>>>: I want to hear what you have to say.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: I would like to hear it too.

>>>: This is Catherine. The interpreters can't keep up---if you could talk one at a time.

>>>: Sure.

>>>: If I would not have been interrupted, that would have been possible. It is really sad that you don't recognize that you have allocated more time for roll call votes than for public comment. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and disability communities served by everybody counts and everybody counts North, I am submitting to you a dissenting report, which details our response to the council's first annual report on the '25, '27 state plans for independent living it will be posted on our Facebook page. And the observation questions and concerns that it contains reflection, what appears to be either an inability or refusal on the part of this body to understand or meet the responsibility to Indiana disability community. So long as you reconsider and refer to the responsibility, as something that you all "quote" are on the hook for, and rather than find out and doing what the community says is needed. You can't move forward as long as you do not respond when comments are made. You can't move forward so long you have a meeting and don't know how to set it up. You can move forward and once again we encourage you again, and to stop clouding the truth with colorful charts and empty buzz words and hailstorm of what is actually relatively meaningless activity and instead to respect and actually

begin to work with the people who is interest you are supposed to be representing. There are basic tenants that you have unfortunately yet to understand, let alone apply. It serves as moral imperative, to ensure that those who self-designate themselves as experts do not overshadow the voice of the people they are supposed to be representing. It's called "Nothing about us, without us.". It's not just a phrase, it means something. People are dying. Shame on you, this -- This is the most resilient waste of time, space and energy and money. That I have witnessed in entire life thank you.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Okay we have one final question from Jason be, I think we are done for the day.

>>>: Actually, it's a comment.

>>>: Okay great.

>>>: I appreciate being able to be here today. I know this was not easy for any of the committee members. Because you knew there were some very unhappy people, while I am unhappy and my stance unfortunately will not change in one day, and my hope that if we learn anything from today, in the future, we don't have to be enemies. We can all work together as a united front. The sooner that we learn that I think the disability world will be a better place. And there are no enemies in this fight. It is the fight that we continue to fight every day. It would be wonderful to meet the way that I envision advocacy in working together and if we can have a meeting in

peace. While I understand that people's emotions are very high, and I am thankful that we were given the opportunity to meet as one group. I hope that -- it continues at some point and maybe we can all be on the same page. And work together. Not just for -- the good, of our -- ourselves, but for our peers it is time that we show people who we can accomplish if we all work together, thank you.

>>>: Thank you, Jason what a great thing to end on.

>>>: Thank you.

>>>: Kacie, we need a motion to adjourn.

>>>: Yes, we need a motion to adjourn meeting, can someone put that on the floor.

>>>: This is Amy Browning-Varble and I will make that motion.

>>>: All right.

>>>: This is Luis, I second that.

>>>: All right, this is Kacie, Luis.

>>>: Accept.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Anna Thompson Jones.

Q (By >>>:) Yeah?

>>>: Jennifer David?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Amy Browning?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Ann Barnhart?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Halie Brown?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And Linda Greeno?

>>>: I believe she left us.

>>>: Okay.

>>>: Laura, she's not here.

Christina?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: Catherine Vest?

>>>: Yes.

>>>: And I also agree. The meeting is adjourned. And it is 4:10 p.m.

>>>: Thank you, everybody.

[APPLAUSE]

>>>: Thank you all for coming and we'll talk more soon.