

INSILC Public Meeting – 03.11.26
Question and Answer Transcript

The following is the transcript from the Q&A section of the 03.11.26 webinar of INSILC’s public meeting. This function is used by attendees not just to ask questions, but to make comments and chat amongst themselves. INSILC has reviewed the transcript and answered questions below while leaving commentary unedited.

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Arthur Bumfield	hi everybody! I like being able to see everyone that was able to make the in person meeting
Zeke	The interpreter is EXTREMELY loud; I can't hear anyone else because I have to turn the audio down so far due to the interpreter's volume.
Arthur Bumfield	there's a pretty bad echo issue happening when the zoom people are speaking. i think it's getting picked up by the mics in person
Traci Taylor	I think that the echo is with Speakers on zoom.
Arthur Bumfield	the feedback didn't happen when amy spoke just now. could jennifer try again? it was really echo-y with her
Arthur Bumfield	no echo
Traci Taylor	I cannot unmute. but I have no question.
Traci Taylor	I don't know why my hand was raised I apologize.
christian fuller	Will there be an answer to Romona question? Response: Romona’s question is not in the chat.
Arthur Bumfield	by the time it makes it to the comment tracker and gets a response, then a response to that response, things will pass and we'll be left adrift in the middle of the ocean. people will die Response: INSILC is working on a systems advocacy project. We are using that to develop the processes and procedures that we need to effectively and quickly respond to issues facing the disability community.
Brianna	had some connection issues but wanted to say that it's a shame the council couldn't even acknowledge that people dying is an issue, just straight through to business as usual. very sad. Response: The council is very concerned with issues that effect the disability community.

Arthur Bumfield	she's not muted on zoom
Chris Hollingsworth	i hear her
Brianna	<p>this may be a business meeting, but the way that this is going, you guys can't complain that you're not getting public comment when this is how you're treating people</p> <p>Response: Thank you for your comment.</p>
Arthur Bumfield	Thank you for reading the NCIL statement.
Brianna	<p>Amy: finally. thanks. however, I still find it hypocritical to hear literally 5 minutes earlier that there hasn't been enough public comment to write a good spil, then to have everyone immediately jumping down the throat of people trying to make public comment. maybe the issue is that there should be more conversation between the council and the public in addition to these business type meetings?</p> <p>Response: INSILC has several methods for the public to give feedback, including email, completing a survey, attending a town hall or SPIL feedback session. You can all of the available methods on our website. insilc.org.</p>
Chris Hollingsworth	Excellent on the guardianship statement! Thank you for passing it and thank you for reading it! Well done!
Arthur Bumfield	YAY!! :)
Liz Gideon	<p>'@Arthur, I'm confused as to why an affirmative statement on guardianship would be debatable at all. That should be the basics. Or am I in the wrong meeting? This is independent living, isn't it?</p> <p>Response: The council and its staff had to go through the due diligence to investigate the issue before it issued its statement. The issue is too important for us not to do our best work.</p>
Arthur Bumfield	<p>I don't know, it's been a big debate for a while with these meetings. For some reason there are centers that are doing guardianship and it was in the state plan the last time, but then it changed for this state plan. There was a meeting a while back where the council didn't want to agree with the NCIL statement since it was worded too strongly I think? But I'm glad that it was an agreement today 😊</p> <p>Response: The council approved the NCIL statement at our April 2025 public meeting.</p>
Liz Gideon	<p>there was no call for discussion on the motion before putting it to a vote?</p> <p>Response: Thank you for your comment.</p>
Arthur Bumfield	No. They keep saying that these are business meetings and so people can't make a comment on the things that are being voted on. I have noticed that a lot

	<p>of the things being voted on haven't been on the website either. At least the NCIL statement is on NCIL's website so that was easy to find.</p> <p>Response: INSILC complies with all of Indiana's Open Door laws regarding what documents to post publicly.</p>
Brianna	<p>I'm having issues with my microphone, but I did want to ask if the council shares the public's concern about the legislation facing section 504 and people dying? I'm still very put off by the lack of response to Jeremy, Jarom, and John's comments.</p> <p>Response: The council shares the concerns about the 504 lawsuit.</p>
Chris Hollingsworth	<p>i would like to know when the public comment sessions actually become a means of engagement with the community you service? it is not good enough that you hear questions. questions need answers not empty promises to "get back to you on that". what we need is meaningful conversations. I have heard several times over several meetings that phrasiology. posting a response on the web page is not meaningful conversation. that is the way you truly learn what the community thinks and needs.</p> <p>Response: The council values all of the feedback it receives. Many of the questions require time to put together a response.</p>
Chris Hollingsworth	<p>the communities go beyond the cils and those they serve.</p> <p>Response: Thank you for your comment.</p>
Brianna	<p>I'm confused, there are only 3 people in the office but aren't there 10 council members? this sounds like an excuse</p> <p>Response: Thank you for your comment.</p>
Julie Scher	<p>Who is talking?</p> <p>Response: Thank you for your comment.</p>
Brianna	<p>advocacy can't always be pretty, especially when lives are on the line. I think that allowing the comments, even when they're angry, is very important.</p> <p>Response: INSILC welcomes all public comment, but comment given at a public meeting must adhere to the guidelines given beforehand.</p>
Brianna	<p>so thanks for allowing that, genuinely</p> <p>Response: Thank you for your comment.</p>

Liz Gideon	<p>We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? [...] All those in favor, signify . . . all those opposed . . . the ayes have it we are adjourned until [next meeting] sheesh</p> <p>Response: Thank you for your comment.</p>
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