

VIRGINIA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

**STATE PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SPIL)
DEVELOPMENT TEAM
(Subcommittee)
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: May 26, 2026
LOCATION: Electronic Meeting using Zoom in accordance with the Council's
Electronic Meeting Policy and FOIA

SILC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garrett Brumfield
Gayl Brunk
Lauren Bryant
Nichole Davis

GUESTS:

Center for Independent Living Directors (SPIL signatories)

STAFF:

Lauren Roche, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER: 10:01 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None received.

ISSUE: Selection of Chair for Team

VOTE: None.

DISCUSSION: Brunk and Davis nominated Lauren Bryant. Bryant agreed to Chair this development team; there were no additional volunteers or nominations made, and no objections.

ISSUE: Review of SPIL Development Timeline

VOTE: None.

DISCUSSION: Roche provided an overview of the Development Timeline that is used to ensure all steps of planning and development are completed within the timeframe necessary. This team will be meeting throughout the remainder of 2026, as well as the first half of 2027, to complete the 2028-2030 SPIL in time for submission to ACL in June of 2027. There were no questions or concerns.

ISSUE: Review of the current SPIL with attention to successes and barriers

VOTE: None

DISCUSSION: Roche provided an overview of the current SPIL with attention to the Goals and activities. This discussion was a starting point for considering what Goals may need to continue in the 2028-20230 SPIL. The Team had a discussion regarding the successes and barriers of the current SPIL, identifying several points. Goal 1, which is tied to the CILs providing community education opportunities that consumers expressed a need for. This goal seems to be quite successful and is appropriately allowing for the unique and diverse needs of each CIL's consumers and planning district. Discussion of possibly keeping this goal in the next SPIL with activities demonstrating progress that remains centered on consumer needs. Goal 2 has seen progress with Council plans to amplify the Alexis Nichols Youth Scholarship Fund for IL Training and continues to prioritize the need for youth engagement on the Council. Further development of plans and processes for the scholarship fund will likely be included in the next SPIL. The Part B coordinator position has remained a successful and integral component of SPIL implementation. The Council could explore the possibility of statewide activity by the network addressing the full inclusion of people with disabilities in all phases of emergency preparedness and planning. The monitoring of state websites has been included in the SPIL for approximately 15 years. This project saw tremendous progress when Governor Youngkin designated website accessibility as a priority for the Virginia IT Agency (VITA). Approximately 90% of state websites are accessible and agencies now have appropriate support from VITA to correct issues and increase access. When the Council began monitoring state websites, approximately 30% of state websites were accessible. With this oversight and support that VITA provides, this piece may not need to be included in the next SPIL. Another success has been the work in Lower PD 9 that has been carried out by disAbility Resource. There is growing interest in the community, and demonstrated need, for a CIL or satellite office to serve the counties of Orange, Madison, Rappahannock, and Culpeper.

ISSUE: Data Sets and Resources

VOTE: None.

DISCUSSION: The Team discussed several data specific resources that could be used to help the team in evaluating the current needs of Virginians with disabilities. These include Census data and Disability Counts initiative, Disability Compendium, Disability Studies program data collected by Cornell University, Labor Force Characteristics, DARS and DARS State Rehabilitation Council's most recent Consumer Satisfaction Survey results, and PPR data. Brunk will work with the network of CILs to gather any needs assessments that have been done by CILs. Roche will look for information and best practices regarding engagement of youth with disabilities and will make sure the team receives all resources for review via email.

ISSUE: Needs Assessment

VOTE: None.

DISCUSSION: The team began discussion of whether a needs assessment should be carried out by the Team. The team would like to review the data available, including CIL needs assessments, before making this decision. A thorough needs assessment and analysis was done in the planning of the current SPIL and may not need to be done.

NEXT STEPS: There will be a standing agenda item for each Council meeting until the SPIL has been approved, allowing time for the Team to report activity to the Council and recommend any necessary actions. The team members are all available for a development meeting following their next quarterly Council meeting on July 9th.

ADJOURN: Having no further business, the team adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Lauren Roche, Administrator