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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**SECTION 704
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
For
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
PROGRAM**

(Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended)

Part I

INSTRUMENT

**(To be completed by Designated State Units
And Statewide Independent Living Councils)**

Reporting Fiscal Year: 2021

State: NV

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SUBPART I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Section A - Sources and Amounts of Funds and Resources

Sections 704(c) and 704(m)(3) and (4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.35 and 364.36

Indicate amount received by the DSU as per each funding source. Enter "0" for none.

Item 1 - All Federal Funds Received

(A) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part B	\$338717.00
(B) Title VII, Ch. 1, Part C - For 723 states Only	\$0.00
(C) Title VII, Ch. 2	\$0.00
(D) Other Federal Funds	\$0.00
Subtotal - All Federal Funds	\$338717.00

Item 2 - Other Government Funds

(E) State Government Funds	\$0.00
(F) Local Government Funds	\$0.00
Subtotal - State and Local Government Funds	\$0.00

Item 3 - Private Resources

(G) Fees for Service (program income, etc.)	\$0.00
(H) Other resources	\$0.00
Subtotal - Private Resources	\$0.00

Item 4 - Total Income

Total income = (A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)+(F)+(G)+(H)	\$338717.00
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Item 5 - Pass Through Funds

Amount of other government funds received as pass through funds to consumers (include funds, received on behalf of consumers, that are subsequently passed on to consumers, e.g., personal assistance services, representative payee funds, Medicaid funds, etc.)	\$0.00
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Item 6 - Net Operating Resources

Total Income (Section 4) <minus> amount paid out to Consumers (Section 5) = Net Operating Resources	\$338717.00
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Section B - Distribution of Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSU Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(1) Provided resources to the SILC to carry out its functions	\$100729.00	\$0.00
(2) Provided IL services to individuals with significant disabilities	\$0.00	\$140000.00

What Activities were Conducted with Part B Funds?	Expenditures of Part B Funds for Services by DSU Staff	Expenditures for Services Rendered By Grant or Contract
(3) Demonstrated ways to expand and improve IL services	\$0.00	\$0.00
(4) Supported the general operation of CILs that are in compliance with the standards and assurances set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 725 of the Act	\$0.00	\$0.00
(5) Supported activities to increase capacity to develop approaches or systems for providing IL services	\$0.00	\$82101.00
(6) Conducted studies and analyses, gathered information, developed model policies, and presented findings in order to enhance IL services	\$0.00	\$0.00
(7) Provided training regarding the IL philosophy	\$11787.00	\$0.00
(8) Provided outreach to unserved or underserved populations, including minority groups and urban and rural populations	\$4100.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$116616.00	\$222101.00

Section C - Grants or Contracts Used to Distribute Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

Sections 704(f) and 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.43, and 34 CFR 365 Subpart C

Enter the requested information for all DSU grants or contracts, funded at least in part by Part B funds, in the chart below. If a column is not applicable to a particular grant or contract, enter "N/A." If there were no non-Part B funds provided to this grantee or contractor for the purpose listed, enter "\$0" in that column. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of Grantee or Contractor	Use of Funds (based on the activities listed in Subpart I, Section B)	Amount of Part B Funds	Amount of Non-Part B Funds	Consumer Eligibility Determined By DSU or Provider	CSRs Kept With DSU or Provider
Care Chest	2	\$140000.00	\$0.00	Provider	DSU
Vocational Rehabilitation	5	\$17200.00	\$0.00	Provider	Provider
KPS3	5	\$9600.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A
DSE/Youth Coordinator	5	\$12101.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A
Neighbor Network of Nevada (N4)	5	\$43200.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A
Total Amount of Grants and Contracts		\$222101.00	\$0.00		

Section D - Grants or Contracts for Purposes Other than Providing IL Services or For the General Operation of Centers

Section 713 of the Act; 34 CFR 365.1 and 34 CFR 365.20

Describe the objectives, activities and results for each Part B grant or contract awarded for purposes other than IL services or the general operation of centers.

Vocational Rehabilitation was contracted \$17,200 to assist with a pilot program for pre-employment training services in rural areas of the State.

\$9,600 was contracted to KPS3 to maintain the SILC website and provide upgrades as requested. The data hub was adjusted to simplify the process for providers to participate and contribute data. Several bugs were fixed as they came to light so our website could remain accessible and functional to allow more participation from consumers. Additional resources were provided and our Youth Leader was recruited using our web platform.

A Youth Leader was contracted to establish a Youth Action Council under the SILC for \$12,101. A new laptop and equipment was provided for the Youth Leader as all SILC employees and staff are telecommuting due to the pandemic. The Youth Leader has established a Mission and Vision for the Youth Action Council and has begun actively recruiting volunteers for the Council to represent youth with disabilities in Nevada.

SILC provided the \$43,200 needed by Neighbor Network of Nevada (N4) for match funding required to start a transportation network initiative throughout the State. The transportation network is a digital means of accessing transportation that will be piloted in Northern Nevada and later expanded to the entire State. It will provide options for transportation for individuals with disabilities along with connections between servicers that did not previously exist. The pilot is set to launch in late 2022.

Section E - Monitoring Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B Funds

34 CFR 80.40(a)

Provide a summary of the program or fiscal review, evaluation and monitoring conducted by the state of any of the grantees/contractors receiving Part B funds during the reporting year.

KPS3 performed actions specified in contract and reported progress annually to SILC and quarterly to the DSE.

N4 has quarterly meetings to provide updates and open discussion to allow for community and partner questions and ideas.

Vocational Rehabilitation provided quarterly updates regarding the pilot program to SILC and will provide a final report in January 2022.

The Youth Leader meets with SILC Executive Director weekly and reports to SILC quarterly on progress.

The State AT/IL Program Director submitted quarterly reports to SILC and provided ongoing communication regarding program changes, service provider challenges and program wait lists.

Section F - Administrative Support Services and Staffing

Section 704(c)(2) and 704 (m)(2) and (4) of the Act; CFR 364.22(a)(2) and 34 CFR 364.31

Item 1 - Administrative Support Services

Describe any administrative support services, including staffing, provided by the DSU to the Part B Program.

DSE provided 1.25 FTE staff support to SILC, Deputy Attorney General support, fiscal support, purchasing and records retention.

Item 2 - Staffing

Enter requested staff information for the DSU and service providers listed in Section C, above (excluding Part C funded CILs)

Type of Staff	Total Number of FTEs	FTEs filled by Individuals with Disabilities
Decision-Making Staff	1	1
Other Staff	1	1

Section G - For Section 723 States ONLY

Section 723 of the Act, 34 CFR Part 366, Subpart D

Item 2 - Administrative Support Services

Section 704(c)(2) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.22(a)(2)

Item 3 - Monitoring and Onsite Compliance Reviews

Section 723(g), (h), and (i); 34 CFR 366.38, 366.40 - 46

Item 4 - Updates or Issues

SUBPART II - NUMBER AND TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES RECEIVING SERVICES

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.53

In this section, provide data from all service providers (DSU, grantees, contractors) who received Part B funds and who were listed in Subpart I, Section C of this report, except for the centers that receive Part C funds. Part C centers will provide this data themselves on their annual 704 Reports, Part II.

Section A - Number of Consumers Served During the Reporting Year

Include Consumer Service Records (CSRs) for all consumers served during the year.

	# of CSRs
(1) Enter the number of active CSRs carried over from September 30 of the preceding reporting year	194
(2) Enter the number of CSRs started since October 1 of the reporting year	159
(3) Add lines (1) and (2) to get the <i>total number of consumers served</i>	353

Section B - Number of CSRs Closed by September 30 of the Reporting Year

Include the number of consumer records closed out of the active CSR files during the reporting year because the individual has

	# of CSRs
(1) Moved	7
(2) Withdrawn	30
(3) Died	7
(4) Complete Goals	92
(5) Other	0
(6) Add lines (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) + (5) to get <i>total CSRs closed</i>	136

Section C - Number of CSRs Active on September 30 of the Reporting Year

Indicate the number of CSRs active on September 30th of the reporting year.

	# of CSRs
Section A(3) <minus> Section (B)(6) = Section C	217

Section D - IL Plans and Waivers

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of consumers who signed a waiver	1
(2) Number of consumers with whom an ILP was developed	352
(3) <i>Total number of consumers served during the reporting year</i>	353

Section E - Age

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Under 5 years old	3
(2) Ages 5 - 19	31
(3) Ages 20 - 24	11
(4) Ages 25 - 59	116
(5) Age 60 and Older	192
(6) Age unavailable	0
(7) <i>Total number of consumers served by age</i>	353

Section F - Sex

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Number of Females served	220
(2) Number of Males served	133
(3) <i>Total number of consumers served by sex</i>	353

Section G - Race And Ethnicity

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below. ***Each consumer may be counted under ONLY ONE of the following categories in the 704 Report, even if the consumer reported more than one race and/or Hispanic/Latino ethnicity).***

**This section reflects a new OMB directive.
Please refer to the Instructions before completing.**

	# of Consumers
(1) American Indian or Alaska Native	7
(2) Asian	13
(3) Black or African American	54
(4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
(5) White	212
(6) Hispanic/Latino of any race or Hispanic/Latino only	49
(7) Two or more races	11
(8) Race and ethnicity unknown	5
(9) <i>Total number of consumers served by race/ethnicity</i>	353

Section H - Disability

Indicate the number of consumers in each category below.

	# of Consumers
(1) Cognitive	5
(2) Mental/Emotional	1
(3) Physical	290
(4) Hearing	33

	# of Consumers
(5) Vision	19
(6) Multiple Disabilities	5
(7) Other	0
(8) <i>Total number of consumers served by by disability</i>	353

SUBPART III - INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1, PART B FUNDS

Sections 13 and 704(m)(4); 34 CFR 364.53; Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) Performance Measures

Subpart III contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Section A - Individual Services and Achievements

For the reporting year, indicate in the chart below how many consumers requested and received each of the following IL services. Include all consumers who were provided services during the reporting year through Part B funds, either directly by DSU staff or via grants or contracts with other providers. Do not include consumers who were served by any centers that received Part C funds during the reporting year.

Services	Consumers Requesting Services	Consumers Receiving Services
Advocacy/Legal Services	0	0
Assistive Technology	149	40
Children's Services	0	0
Communication Services	36	12
Counseling and related services	1	1
Family Services	0	0
Housing, Home Modification, and Shelter Services	258	72
IL Skills Training and Life Skills Training	3	2
Information and Referral Services	328	90
Mental Restoration Services	0	0
Mobility training	1	0
Peer Counseling Services	0	0
Personal Assistance Services	0	0
Physical Restoration Services	0	0
Preventive Services	74	49
Prostheses, Orthotics, and other appliances	2	1
Recreational Services	0	0
Rehabilitation Technology Services	0	0
Therapeutic Treatment	0	0
Transportation Services	107	20
Youth/Transition Services	0	0
Vocational Services	0	0
Other	1	1
Totals	960	288

Section B - Increased Independence and Community Integration

Item 1 - Goals Related to Increased Independence in a Significant Life Area

Indicate the number of consumers who set goals related to the following significant life areas, the number whose goals are still in progress, and the number who achieved their goals as a result of the provision of IL services.

Significant Life Area	Goals Set	Goals Achieved	In Progress
Self-Advocacy/Self-Empowerment	0	0	0
Communication	81	30	39
Mobility/Transportation	147	34	93
Community-Based Living	217	95	98
Educational	0	0	0
Vocational	0	0	0
Self-Care	396	142	208
Information Access/Technology	10	1	9
Personal Resource Management	0	0	0
Relocation from a Nursing Home or Institution to Community-Based Living	0	0	0
Community/Social Participation	0	0	0
Other	1	1	0
Totals	852	303	447

Item 2 - Improved Access To Transportation, Health Care and Assistive Technology

(A) Table

In column one, indicate the number of consumers who required access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. Of the consumers listed in column one, indicate in column two, the number of consumers who, as a result of the provision of IL services (including the four core services), achieved access to previously unavailable transportation, health care services, or assistive technology during the reporting year. In column three, list the number of consumers whose access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology is still in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Areas	# of Consumers Requiring Access	# of Consumers Achieving Access	# of Consumers Whose Access is in Progress
(A) Transportation	107	20	75
(B) Health Care Services	0	0	0
(C) Assistive Technology	149	40	89

Note: For most IL services, a consumer's access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology is documented through his or her CSR. In some instances, consumers may achieve an outcome solely through information and referral (I&R) services. To document these instances as successful outcomes, providers are not required to create CSRs for these consumers but must be able to document that follow-up contacts with these consumers showed access to previously unavailable transportation, health care and assistive technology.

(B) I&R Information

To inform ACL how many service providers engage in I&R follow-up contacts regarding access to transportation, health care services or assistive technology, please indicate the following:

The service provider did ___ / did not **X** engage in follow-up contacts with I & R recipients to document access gained to previously unavailable transportation, health care or assistive technology.

Section C - Additional Information Concerning Individual Services or Achievements

Please provide any additional description or explanation concerning individual services or achievements reported in subpart III, including outstanding success stories and/or major obstacles encountered.

State IL Program: The NVSILC provides partial funding for the statewide Assistive Technology for Independent Living (AT/IL) program. The information highlighted are important aspects of the program and successful outcomes for the consumer. Program services support necessary daily living areas where assistive technology can remove barriers and increase independence for the individual. The AT/IL program utilizes two additional funding sources including Assistive Technology Act funds and state appropriated funding. The state dollars are utilized for the purchase of Assistive Technology (AT) if the consumer has no other resources available. The AT/IL program is part of, and works closely with, the other Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative programs. Whenever possible the program coordinates with consumers to ensure informed choice is possible in the selection of AT by providing AT demonstrations, loaning of AT for trial, and access to gently used AT. Promoting successful AT selection with a consumer choice focus helps to lessen abandonment of AT by the individual user.

The AT/IL program prioritizes resources in efforts to prevent institutionalization and support community living. Goals and services that may prevent or help someone transition from a care facility must be prioritized. Transition services also includes non-AT services such as rental deposits, food, and items necessary to live until they are able to receive their income again, up to 30 days. This year there were 65 Consumers, with a total of 106 Independent Living Goals, that were directly related to either a Transition or a Prevention of needing institutional care. Of the Goals set 74 were Prevention related and 31 were Transition related. Of these consumer goals 62 were closed as Goal Met; 37 are in Progress.

All consumers are surveyed following services through the AT/IL program. The survey includes satisfaction and life impact questions as well as a question about choice and control. This year there was a 46% voluntary return rate of surveys from the consumer. The following are the results for the consumer data also in this report:

Are you satisfied with our services? Rate the service provided by the staff:

Excellent 78%

Very Good 17%

Good 0%

Fair 0%

Poor 5%

Did you have choice and control over the Goals you set and the types of services you received?

A lot of control and choice 71%

Quite a bit of control and choice 16%

A little control and choice 2%

Not enough control and choice 11%

Rate your overall satisfaction with the program: Which of the following best reflects your level of satisfaction with the services you received?

Very Satisfied 90%
Mostly Satisfied 8%
Somewhat Satisfied 0%
Not Satisfied 2%

Have the services provided made a positive impact on your life?

Yes 98%
No 2%

Did the services provided impact your life? My overall quality of life:

Improved a lot 63%
Improved quite a bit 31%
Improved a little 6%
Did not change 0%
Not Applicable or No response 0%

My overall Independence related to the goals established:

Improved a lot 56%
Improved quite a bit 19%
Improved a little 12%
Did not change 2%
Not Applicable or No response 9%

My chances of staying OUT of a nursing home:

Improved a lot 56%
Improved quite a bit 15%
Improved a little 2%
Did not change 2%
Not Applicable or No response 25%

How often are the devices or modifications used?

Daily 95%
Weekly 3%
Monthly 0%
At least every 3 months 0%
Not Applicable or No response 2%

Do you think the government should continue funding this program?

Yes 100%
No 0%

My ability to volunteer, be involved in my community, or do leisure activities:

Improved a lot 43%
Improved quite a bit 11%
Improved a little 2%
Did not change 14%
Not Applicable or No response 30%

Rate the services provided by the vendors, building contractors, or businesses that you worked with:

Excellent 65%
Very Good 17%
Good 11%

Fair 5%

Poor 2%

SUBPART IV - COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION

Section 704(i), (l), and (m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.26, 364.27, and 364.32

Section A - Community Activities

Item 1 - Community Activities Table

In the table below, summarize the community activities involving the DSU, SILC and CILs in the Statewide Network of Centers (excluding Part C fund recipients) during the reporting year. For each activity, identify the primary disability issue(s) addressed as well as the type of activity conducted. Indicate the entity(ies) primarily involved and the time spent. Describe the primary objective(s) and outcome(s) for each activity. Add more rows as necessary.

Subpart IV contains new data requests. Please refer to the Instructions before completing.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	10.00	Increase consumer access	270 contacts at 6 events, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Collaboration/Networking	DSU/CARE Chest	1.00	Increase consumer access	Collaboration targeting underserved children
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	1.25	Increase consumer access	Introduced IL Program and CARE Chest
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Collaboration/Networking	DSU/CARE Chest	2.00	Increase consumer access	Introduced IL program and CARE Chest to the group and participating agencies
Increasing opportunities for affordable, accessible housing units	Collaboration/Networking	DSU/CARE Chest	3.25	Increase consumer access	Ongoing contact to keep the group apprised of the IL Program and other CARE Chest programs.

Issue Area	Activity Type	Primary Entity	Hours Spent	Objective(s)	Outcome(s)
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	8.00	Increase consumer access	30 rural connections, of ongoing contact to keep the group apprised of the IL Program and other CARE Chest programs.
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Collaboration/Networking	DSU/CARE Chest	4.00	Increase consumer access	55 contacts, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.
Increasing the availability /access to assistive technology	Outreach Efforts	DSU/CARE Chest	8.50	Increase consumer access. Emphasis on transition and prevention	55 contacts, provided IL Program information as well as other CARE Chest program information.

Item 2 - Description of Community Activities

For the community activities mentioned above, provide any additional details such as the role of the DSU, SILC, CIL, and/or consumers, names of any partner organizations and further descriptions of the specific activities, services and benefits.

The DSE provides the community activities mentioned through community partners that operate programs statewide and are funded through a subaward process. Community partners provided outreach and education of program services with built in goals to monitor and target unserved and underserved populations. Activities by CARE Chest are summarized about and consist of nearly 60 engagements over the year to ensure people are aware of the Assistive Technology for Independent Living Program. CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada had a significant presence and has been providing services for people with disabilities for over 30 years. Well known for their assistive technology reutilization program providing both new and gently used equipment as well as many other programs within the organization. As part of an extensive collaboration with other support services, such as nutritional and food delivery, they are literally in the community year around directly engaging people with needs.

SILC has partnered with RCIL to ensure housing options are provided for homeless veterans with significant brain injuries in the following rural counties: Douglas, Carson, Storey and Lyon. RCIL provides all independent living services to the consumers they serve. (The subaward was reallocated to RCIL for the last quarter of SFY20 and into the first three quarters of SFY21, as the original sub-awardee, Brain Injury Solutions, Inc. was dissolved as an organization prior to their being awarded).

Section B - Working Relationships Among Various Entities

Describe DSU and SILC activities to maximize the cooperation, coordination, and working relationships among the independent living program, the SILC, and CILs; and the DSU, other state agencies represented on the SILC, other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues, and other public and private entities. Describe the expected or actual outcomes of these activities.

SILC has members who attend sister board meetings to keep communication lines open. The Executive Director attends meetings held by The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, The Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities and various mental health coalitions throughout the State. Victoria Essner, an ex-officio member of SILC, is also a member of the Assistive Technology Council. Cheyenne Pasquale, the DSE Representative, attends the Commission on Aging and is Interim Executive Director of the Deaf Commission. Our member, Raquel O'Neil is the Chair of the Nevada State Rehabilitation Council. These relationships have served to inform others in the disability community about SILC and inform SILC regarding other entity efforts throughout the State. The SILC, with other disability councils and commissions are collaborating to provide current important COVID-19 information to the public in accessible formats and maintain open communication regarding the upcoming legislative session and need for consumer testimony or important education and information that impacts the disability community.

SUBPART IV - STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SILC)

Section 705 of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21

Section A - Composition and Appointment

Item 1 - Current SILC Composition

In the chart below, provide the requested information for each SILC member. The category in which the member was appointed can be described, for example, as ex-officio state agency representative, other state agency representative, center representative, person with a disability not employed by a center or state agency, section 121 funded project director, parent of person with a disability, community advocate, other service provider, etc. Include current vacancies, along with the corresponding appointment category for each. Add more rows as necessary.

Name of SILC member	Employed by CIL, State Agency or Neither	Appointment Category	Voting or Non-Voting	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Mary Evilsizer	CIL	CIL ED	Voting	08/31/2021	08/31/2024
Cheyenne Pasquale	State Agency	DSE Representative	Non-Voting	05/01/2020	04/30/2023
Erik Jimenez	State Agency	Ex-officio	Non-Voting	05/01/2020	04/30/2023
Jennifer Kane	State Agency	Ex-officio	Non-Voting	08/31/2021	08/31/2024
Victoria Essner	State Agency	Ex-officio	Non-Voting	08/30/2021	08/31/2024
Diane Trusty-Foremaster (DeeDee)	Neither	PWD	Voting	06/01/2021	05/31/2024
Havander Davis	Neither	PWD	Voting	11/01/2020	10/31/2023
Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh	Neither	PWD	Voting	04/01/2021	03/31/2024
Kate Osti	Neither	PWD	Voting	11/01/2020	10/31/2023
Lynda Turloukis	Neither	PWD	Voting	11/01/2020	10/31/2023
Patricia Unruh (aka: Ace Patrick)	Neither	PWD	Voting	01/02/2019	01/01/2022
Raquel O'Neil	Neither	PWD	Voting	04/01/2021	03/31/2024
Renee Portnell	Neither	PWD	Voting	05/01/2020	04/30/2023
Sabra McWhirter	Neither	PWD	Voting	11/01/2020	10/31/2023

Item 2 - SILC Composition Requirements

Please provide the information requested in the chart below. Include any current vacancies in a particular appointment category.

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(A) How many members are on the SILC?	14
(B) How many members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	8
(C) How many members of the SILC are voting members?	10

SILC Composition	# of SILC members
(D) How many of the voting members of the SILC are individuals with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living?	8

Section B - SILC Membership Qualifications

Section 705(b)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 364.21(c)

Item 1 - Statewide Representation

Describe how the SILC is composed of members who provide statewide representation.

The State of Nevada is geographically split into two main regions: North and South. Members that represent the North include: Patricia Unruh and Renee Portnell. Members that represent the South, our most populated region, include: Sabra McWhirter, Lynda Turloukis, Kate Osti, Raquel O'Neil, Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh and Havander Davis. The ex-officios represent Statewide access to affiliate programs and agencies. While Nevada has only 2 Part C centers that represent each region, respectively, only one can be a member during their required terms; however, the Executive Director of the Rural Center for Independent Living is a SILC member and attends our meetings, which is not a Part C funded center at this time.

Item 2 - Broad Range of Individuals with Disabilities from Diverse Backgrounds

Describe how the SILC members represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities from diverse backgrounds.

Patricia Unruh identifies herself as a person with the following disabilities: vision, hearing, developmental, neurological and physical, as well as aged. She is also a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Havander Davis identifies as a person with the following disabilities: vision and physical, using a wheelchair. He is also a person of color living in an urban area. Lynda Turloukis has suffered brain injuries, is a caretaker for her parent with a cognitive disability and works as an advocate in the community for individuals with brain injuries, including TBI. Kate Osti identifies as an individual with the following disabilities: vision and physical. She is currently an advocate in the disability legal community that provides legal aid and advocacy across the state. Sabra McWhirter identifies as a person with an invisible disability and works as an advocate in the disability community. Erik Jimenez identifies as a person with a physical disability and has advocated for programs and legislation to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities in Nevada through the Treasury Department. Non-voting member, Essner, represents the State's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, which is the State partner charged with helping Nevadan's with disabilities achieve employment. The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is a statewide agency, with 13 offices statewide, including offices in the following rural communities: Winnemucca, Fallon, Elko and Ely. Each office is staffed with a qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor and technician to meet the needs of Nevadan's with disabilities in their community. Each office, to the best of its geographic ability, partners with the local Center for Independent Living. Renee Portnell identifies as a person with learning and physical disabilities. She lives in northern Nevada and is the parent of a child with an intellectual and developmental disability (IDD). Non-voting member, Kane, is an Educational Programs Professional n(EPP) for the Office of Special Education, works with all 17 school districts in the state as well as the State Charter School Authority. Providing technical

assistance in all aspects of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) to all districts including rural districts. Her work is primarily around IEP development, compliance, and dispute resolution, but other EPPS work with districts to include transition. Cheyenne Pasquale is the Chief of Planning in the Planning, Advocacy and Community Service Unit of Aging and Disability Services Division. Dawn Lyons is the Executive Director of SILC and identifies as a person with brain injuries, learning disabilities and a mild developmental disability and having Native American and Hispanic ethnicity. She also is a parent of two adult children with disabilities. Raquel O'Neil is the Director of Blind Connect and the Chair of the Rehabilitation Council. She is also a blind individual and advocate. Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh is a person with CP who recently moved to Nevada. She was previously the owner of a supported living agency in California and is a University of California, Berkeley graduate. We are working on recruiting others who can bring more racial and ethnic diversity to our council. We also have several guests and partners who contribute to our subcommittees and State Plan development who are individuals with various disabilities residing all over the State, also representing the BIPOC (black, indigenous persons of color) communities.

Item 3 - Knowledgeable about IL

Describe how SILC members are knowledgeable about centers for independent living and independent living services.

Three of our members utilize CIL services. Six members work for partner agencies or partner with the CIL's. The SILC has an onboarding process that includes education and training about the IL network and philosophy and the difference between SILC and CIL's. The CIL's report activities and share stories during SILC meetings that help SILC members understand their role better, as well. The CIL's have provided training to SILC regarding the CIL role and responsibilities, including complaint process and internal structure.

Section C - SILC Staffing and Support

Item 1 - SILC Staff

Please provide the name and contact information for the SILC executive director. Indicate the number and titles of any other SILC staff, if applicable. Also indicate whether any SILC staff is also a state agency employee.

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Item 2 - SILC Support

Describe the administrative support services provided by the DSU, if any.

The DSE administers the State IL services program and supports the SILC. The DSE manages the receipt of funds from ACL and the necessary financial reporting. They provide support services including meeting minutes, agendas, coordinating Open/Public meetings, and distributing funding as directed by the SPIL under the authority of the SILC.

Our AAIII provides 25% of her time to NV SILC by posting meeting information, keeping records, taking meeting minutes and arranging travel, reimbursements and purchase orders for all members and the ED. She is supervised by the NV SILC ED for the time she spends working for NV SILC.

Section D - SILC Duties

Section 705(c); 34 CFR 364.21(g)

Item 1 - SILC Duties

Provide a summary of SILC activities conducted during the reporting year related to the SILC's duties listed below:

(A) State Plan Development

Describe any activities related to the joint development of the state plan. Include any activities in preparation for developing the state plan, such as needs assessments, evaluations of consumer satisfaction, hearings and forums.

A Statewide consumer survey was developed to start gathering consumer data starting in fiscal year 22 (FY22). The new survey was improved from the previous survey to be easier to complete with more easily reviewed responses and better-defined multiple-choice options. The survey results will be analyzed and shared publicly at the end of FY22 in preparation of creating a new SPIL for FY's 24-26. The SILC attempted to collaborate with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and the Gwinn Center (a Northern Nevada non-profit organization serving the IDD population) to collect data across IL Networks Nationwide in order to determine the best IL Network Model; however, the Gwinn Center stated the data would be impossible to collect and UNR deferred to the Gwinn Center. So, NV SILC will collect as much of this data next year and do their analysis alone.

(B) Monitor, Review and Evaluate the Implementation of the State Plan

Describe any activities related to the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

Implementation of the data hub and collection of Statewide disability services data has been an ongoing challenge. Providers still do not complete the data hub survey, despite having simplified the process. We are disappointed in the lack of participation Statewide, including by the CIL's. The SILC requested program reports from the Part C centers and received updates from only the Southern Center for Independent Living quarterly. The State II Program reported quarterly to the SILC. The Rural Center for Independent Living also provided quarterly updates to SILC. These reports helped SILC coordinate activities based on the most current IL data.

(C) Coordination With Other Disability Councils

Describe the SILC's coordination of activities with the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) established under section 105, if the state has such a Council, or the commission described in section 101(a)(21)(A), if the state has such a commission, and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law. Please state whether the SILC has at least one representative serving as a member of the SRC and whether the SILC has any members serving on other councils, boards or commissions in the state.

Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (NSRC)- Raquel O'Neil, Chair of NSRC reports activity to SILC quarterly. Dawn Lyons, ED of NV SILC participated in the workgroup to create a new State Rehab Plan, via invitation from Raquel O'Neil.

Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD)- Erik Jimenez is both a member of SILC and CSPD.

Commission for Persons Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Deaf Commission)- Patricia Unruh, Chair of SILC attends Commission meetings to share news.

Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council)- Renee Portnell is a former member of the DD Council who shares news with both entities. Lisa Bonie, ED of NNCIL is a member of the DD Council and shares news with SILC when appropriate. Dawn Lyons, ED of NV SILC attends various DD Council meetings, as well.

Assistive Technology Council (AT Council)- Victoria Essner is a member of both SILC and the AT Council and shares information.

The Executive Director of SILC also attends the following council and commission meetings on occasion: Clark County Children's Mental Health Coalition, Southern Nevada Mental Health Coalition, Intra-agency Coordinating Council (of Early Intervention), Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Workforce Subcommittee, Commission on Aging, CSPD, NSRC, Deaf Commission, AT Council and various Legislative Interim Committees.

(D) Public Meeting Requirements

Describe how the SILC has ensured that all regularly scheduled meetings and other public hearings and forums hosted by the SILC are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.

Nevada has a very strong public meeting law which requires that every agenda be reviewed by the Attorney General's office before posting, and that sufficient notice be given prior to the meeting. All

meeting notices are widely posted and interested parties (non-SILC members) are notified by e-mail of upcoming meetings. Every meeting includes at least two opportunities for open public comment.

Item 2 - Other Activities

Describe any other SILC activities funded by non-Part B funds.

N/A

Section E - Training and Technical Assistance Needs

Section 721(b)(3) of the Act

Please identify the SILC's training and technical assistance needs. The needs identified in this chart will guide the priorities set by ACL for the training and technical assistance provided to CILs and SILCs.

Training And Technical Assistance Needs	Choose up to 10 Priority Needs --- Rate items 1-10 with 1 being most important
Advocacy/Leadership Development Community/Grassroots Organizing	1
Financial: Resource Development	
General Overview	10
Diversification of Funding Base	9
Fund-Raising Events of Statewide Campaigns	2
Innovative Programs	
Best Practices	8
Marketing and Public Relations	
Community Awareness	7
Networking Strategies	
Among CILs & SILCs	6
Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Populations	
Minority	5
Institutionalized Potential Consumers	3
CIL Board of Directors	
Recruiting/Increasing Involvement	4

SUBPART VI - SPIL COMPARISON AND UPDATES, OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE REPORTING YEAR

Section 704(m)(4) of the Act; 34 CFR 76.140

Section A - Comparison of Reporting Year Activities with the SPIL

Item 1 - Progress in Achieving Objectives and Goals

Describe progress made in achieving the objectives and goals outlined in the most recently approved SPIL. Discuss goals achieved and/or in progress as well as barriers encountered.

Objective 1A: Providers of Part B-funded, high-need or new IL services will report an increase in consumers served, as measured each quarter for the fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th, 2021, 2022, and 2023).

1A1. Provide \$70,000 in support Federal Fiscal Year 21 (October 1-September 30), and \$30,000 in Federal Fiscal Years 22 and 23 (October 1-September 30) for new community services and services with the highest need throughout the State using current data. The SILC has provided funding for a new transportation initiative through the Neighbor Network of Nevada (N4) and an interlocal contract to Vocational Rehabilitation for a pilot program in their pre-employment transition services (PreETS) to expand into rural areas of the State in FY21.

1A2. The SILC will fund at least one Part B competitive subgrant for services needed each year. - Grantees will provide the SILC with a quarterly report. There were two competitive subawards given out by SILC in FY21 as listed above.

1A3. The SILC will provide ongoing support for the State-funded Independent Living Program that services all Nevada Counties. - IL Program Progress report will be shared quarterly or more often if services and/or service providers change. SILC has provided the State IL Program funding to continue the AT/IL services using the IL Model and the Director of the program has given quarterly reports to the Council throughout FY21.

Objective 1B: Increase the CILs' operating budget through Part B subawards by at least 4% during the October 1, 2022 and October 1, 2023 award periods.

1B3. CILs will provide current quarterly reports to the SILC for all supported activities and for all other notable CIL activities throughout the year. SNCIL has given SILC quarterly updates on consumer trends and current services throughout FY21. NNCIL gave SILC one report at the beginning of FY21 and nothing since, despite being requested each quarter.

1B4. The CILs will provide the SILC with current quarterly reports on requests for services from consumers so the SILC has valid and current network data on the needs for individuals with disabilities.

As stated above for 1B3 progress, SNCIL has provided general information about consumer requests and some data in FY21. NNCIL has stated that consumers want affordable and accessible housing but did not provide data in FY21.

Objective 2A: SILC will increase number of consumers' IL awareness as measured in our annual consumer survey by September 30, 2023.

2A1. The SILC will create a presentation that encompasses a unified IL message by September 30, 2021. This was completed as scheduled and presented to multiple entities across the State, including the Tribal Health Directors' Meeting and the Nye County Health Coalition.

Objective 2B: SILC will increase accessibility for people with disabilities by November 3, 2023.

2B2. The SILC will collaborate with community partners Statewide beginning October 1, 2020 regarding legislative issues for disability and IL philosophy advocacy, education and outreach. This is an ongoing effort and NVSILC has been increasing the number of community partners and legislators we collaborate with, including participating in a legislative community disability forum intended to prioritize legislation in the upcoming 2022 session.

2B3. The SILC will establish formal collaborations with the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD) and the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) to address education and outreach regarding disability legislative issues, including, but not limited to competitive integrated employment in Nevada by September 30, 2021. The SILC created a subcommittee to address Integrated Employment in Nevada and wrote a letter of recommendation to our Governor. The subcommittee consisted of members of other councils and commissions, Vocational Rehabilitation and a current Nevada legislator and educator from our higher education system.

Objective 2C: Develop a Statewide youth presence in the IL Network by September 30, 2023.

2C1. The SILC will define youth membership in SILC policies by September 30, 2021. Inasmuch as the Youth Action Council (YAC) has been established, the SILC has incorporated YAC into our policies. We continue to assess the ongoing need.

2C2. The SILC will sponsor at least one youth to attend APRIL each year from the SILC's annual travel budget by September 30, 2021. APRIL Conference was held virtually this year and SILC had no current YAC members at the time; however, SILC will sponsor the Youth Leader to attend SILC Congress in FY22, instead, and will promote APRIL attendance the following year.

Objective 2D: The SILC will use their new website to increase awareness of the IL Philosophy Statewide by September 30, 2023.

2D1. The SILC website will have at least 10 partners listed by October 31, 2020 and will add at least two educational or resource links to the news feed each quarter. SILC has added more than 10 partners by the anticipated date and continues to add partners and resources on an ongoing basis. We have customized an individualized training plan with training resources listed for all members and are working on obtaining a YouTube Premium account so we can create training videos that simplify our training requirements and open them to the public. The video production is expected to begin in FY22.

Objective 3A: SILC will improve our internal processes for SPIL evaluation.

3A1. All conference attendees will relay training to the Council by July 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023 at each annual meeting. An overview of conferences has been provided at SILC meetings after all conferences and trainings throughout FY21 without exception and SILC has even arranged additional training, outside of quarterly meetings to provide members with as much training as possible during FY21, including the Nevada Adult Protective Services and a special two-day training for Council leadership topics in collaboration with Aging and Disability Services.

Objective 3B: A resource development plan will be completed and ready to be implemented by October 1, 2023.

Objective 3C: The DSE will increase staff support time to 1.25 FTE that is fully selected, supervised and evaluated by the SILC by September 30, 2023.

3C1. The SILC Chair will supervise the 1.0 FTE Executive Director (ED) for assigned SILC duties beginning October 1, 2020. SILC has established autonomy with a memorandum of understanding with the DSE and incorporated supervisory duties within our policy manual.

3C2. The Executive Director will supervise support staff at .25 FTE for assigned SILC duties beginning October 1, 2020. SILC policies now include designated supervision over staff by the Executive Director of NV SILC.

3C3. Staff acting in the role of Executive Director (ED) for the SILC will telecommute from outside the DSE office and will meet with at least four community partners by the end of each year. Both the Executive Director and AAILI have moved to telecommuting full time due to the pandemic. Our Youth

Leader began her position as a telecommuting position. All staff remain telecommuting for FY21. The Executive Director meets with at least one community partner monthly, exceeding our goal of at least four during each fiscal year.

Item 2 - SPIL Information Updates

If applicable, describe any changes to the information contained in the SPIL that occurred during the reporting year, including the placement, legal status, membership or autonomy of the SILC; the SILC resource plan, the design of the statewide network of centers; and the DSU administration of the SILS program.

N/A

Section B - Significant Activities and Accomplishments

If applicable, describe any significant activities and accomplishments achieved by the DSU and SILC not included elsewhere in the report, e.g. brief summaries of innovative practices, improved service delivery to consumers, etc.

SILC brought the disability community together during the pandemic to collaborate and coordinate services better and open communication for addressing urgent needs throughout the state. SILC used their Zoom Pro account to hold these meetings and paid for live captioning and American Sign Language interpreters so all partners could participate. The SILC ED facilitated a training in FFY21 for all Chairs and Vice Chairs of councils and commissions for people with disabilities in Nevada that included open meeting law, Robert's Rules of Order, legislative process, Aging and Disability Services' subaward process, leadership roles and collaboration. This training will be an ongoing annual training so that newly elected Chairs and Vice Chairs know and understand their roles, duties and how they can collaborate better with each other. These trainings can be shared at full council and commission meetings afterwards, as well.

SILC suggested the idea of a collaborative effort to include a Statewide Disability Services Plan, as they currently have a State Plan for Aging, which was then discussed internally and determined that a new State Olmstead Plan should be established, instead. The DSE is currently working on the new plan and has assured SILC they will include SILC and consumers in the process.

SILC has established a memorandum of understanding with the DSE that clarifies our autonomy and have been officially removed from the DSE Unit in which staff were originally situated. All SILC staff are now working from home offices full-time and are supervised by the Executive Director, as well as the Executive Director is officially being supervised by the SILC Chair. Since SILC has separated staff from the DSE Unit requirements, we are in a position to work as partners in a more mutually beneficial way.

Section C - Substantial Challenges

If applicable, describe any substantial problems encountered by the DSU and SILC, not included elsewhere in this report, and discuss resolutions/attempted resolutions, e.g., difficulty in outreach

efforts; disagreements between the SILC and the DSU; complications recruiting SILC members; complications working with other state agencies or organizations within the state.

The SILC has had similar issues with recruitment as last year due to the pandemic; however, the Governor's Office made several new appointments and appears to have resolved their backlog. We have lost several community members to Covid-19 and Nathan Say has not returned my correspondence nor have I been able to figure out where he is or what might have happened to him. Lynda Tourloukis had to step down from being a SILC member and we are waiting for confirmation of her resignation from the Governor's Office. So far, we have been able to maintain quorum for public meetings, though.

The SILC Data Hub has not been as successful as we had hoped and is not being currently used as a community forum for IL partners throughout the State. Providers signed up but did not complete the data collection survey to gain access to the forum. We worked with our web maintenance provider to provide some updates to simplify the survey, but it did not increase participation, unfortunately. The CIL's did not participate, either, and we typically receive their PPR reports the year after they are submitted, and that data is not timely for our hub.

SILC wanted to amend our SPIL to include the Rural Center for Independent Living as an official CIL; however, we do not believe all necessary parties will agree to sign the amended document. We have heard there is some bad blood between RCIL and NNCIL from the past that SILC has nothing to do with, and it is unfortunate, but the IL Network is strained now due to that past relationship fall-out. RCIL is doing great work in the community and is compliant with all CIL regulations, providing all 5 core services in their area. SILC has been trying to support them since they have received very little support from any other sources. It is a challenge in our State that we have only 2 Part C CILs, and our SPIL requires both signatures to move forward, but we are hoping they will set their differences aside and allow RCIL to be recognized in our next SPIL. Hopefully, we can get the needed signatures to remain within ACL's requirement of having at least 51% of the CILs' support. As Nevada SILC has been struggling to fund IL services competitively over the last few years, we would welcome the opportunity to fund RCIL as a Part B Center.

Methods for reaching rural communities with little internet signal has been explored by SILC. There is need in those communities that even the Centers for Independent Living are currently unable to address due to a lack of communication options. The federal pandemic relief provided assistance with cost for broadband for many low-income individuals in Nevada, but that relief will end in 2022, leaving some consumers without access again. We are hopeful that a new bill will address this shortcoming in the coming year.

There is a significant shortage of housing options in Nevada. Despite all Nevada CILs providing assistance with housing, there are few accessible and affordable housing solutions to be found. There are State Legislative initiatives that incentivize developers, though, and we are hopeful we will see some of those established by 2022.

Section D - Additional Information

Include any additional information, suggestions, comments or explanations not included elsewhere in the report.

N/A

SUBPART VII - SIGNATURES

Please sign and print the names, titles and telephone numbers of the DSU directors(s) and SILC chairperson.

Patricia Unruh - Signed Digitally
SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

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