

- 12) Governor approval is given, both candidate and SILC liaison are notified.
- 13) New member now attends future SILC meetings.

Section 6: Legal Basis & Certifications

6.1 Designated State Entity (DSE)

The state entity/agency designated to receive and distribute funding, as directed by the SPIL, under Title VII, Part B of the Act is The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Office of Independent Living Services.

Authorized representative of the DSE: Kristin Corish, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

6.2 Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that meets the requirements of section 705 of the Act and is authorized to perform the functions outlined in section 705(c) of the Act in the State is: The Colorado Statewide Independent Living Council.

Centers for Independent Living (CILs):

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

- Atlantis Community
- Center for Independence
- Center for People with Disabilities
- Center Toward Self Reliance
- SW Center for Independence
- Connections for Independent Living
- The Independence Center
- Disabled Resources Center
- NW Colorado Center for Independence

6.4 Authorizations

6.4.a. The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. Yes (Yes/No)

6.4.b. The SILC and CILs may legally carryout each provision of the SPIL. Yes (Yes/No)

6.4.c. State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL.

Yes (Yes/No)

Section 7: DSE Assurances

Kristin Corash, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation acting on behalf of the DSE
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

located at 633 17th St, Suite 1501, Denver, CO 303-318-8568
assures that:

45 CFR 1329.11

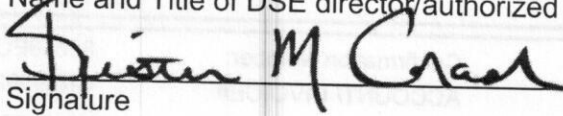
- 7.1. The DSE acknowledges its role on behalf of the State, as the fiscal intermediary to receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State to support Independent Living Services in the State based on the plan;
- 7.2. The DSE will assure that the agency keeps appropriate records, in accordance with federal and state law, and provides access to records by the federal funding agency upon request;
- 7.3. The DSE will not retain more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for administrative expenses;¹
- 7.4. The DSE assures that the SILC is established as an autonomous entity within the State as required in 45 CFR 1329.14;
- 7.5. The DSE will not interfere with the business or operations of the SILC that include but are not limited to:
 1. Expenditure of federal funds
 2. Meeting schedules and agendas
 3. SILC board business
 4. Voting actions of the SILC board
 5. Personnel actions
 6. Allowable travel
 7. Trainings
- 7.6. The DSE will abide by SILC determination of whether the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff:
 1. If the SILC informs the DSE that the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff, the DSE assures that management of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC is the sole responsibility of the SILC in accordance with Sec. 705(e)(3) of the Act (Sec. 705(e)(3), 29 U.S.C. 796d(e)(3)).
- 7.7. The DSE will fully cooperate with the SILC in the nomination and appointment process for the SILC in the State;
- 7.8. The DSE shall make timely and prompt payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs:
 1. When the reimbursement method is used, the DSE must make a payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless the agency or pass-through entity reasonably believes the request to be improper;
 2. When necessary, the DSE will advance payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs to cover its estimated disbursement needs for an initial period generally geared to the mutually agreed upon disbursing cycle; and
 3. The DSE will accept requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

The signature below indicates this entity/agency's agreement to: serve as the DSE and fulfill all the responsibilities in Sec. 704(c) of the Act; affirm the State will comply with the

aforementioned assurances during the three-year period of this SPIL; and develop, with the SILC, and ensure that the SILC resource plan is necessary and sufficient (in compliance with section 8, indicator (6) below) for the SILC to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities under Sec. 705(c) of the Act, consistent with the approved SPIL.¹

Kristin Corash, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Name and Title of DSE director/authorized representative



Signature

6/26/2020

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 8: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance

8.1 Assurances

Joan LaBelle, CO SILC Chair, acting on behalf of the CO SILC, located at 633 17th Street, Suite 1501, Denver, CO 80202, joan.labelle@coloradosilc.org or i.labelle@disabledresourceservices.org, 45 CFR 1329.14 assures that:

- (1) The SILC regularly (not less than annually) provides the appointing authority recommendations for eligible appointments;
- (2) The SILC is composed of the requisite members set forth in the Act;¹
- (3) The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;¹
- (4) The SILC is not established as an entity within a State agency in accordance with 45 CFR Sec. 1329.14(b);
- (5) The SILC will make the determination of whether it wants to utilize DSE staff to carry out the functions of the SILC;
 - a. The SILC must inform the DSE if it chooses to utilize DSE staff;
 - b. The SILC assumes management and responsibility of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC in accordance with the Act.¹
- (6) The SILC shall ensure all program activities are accessible to people with disabilities;
- (7) The State Plan shall provide assurances that the designated State entity, any other agency, office, or entity of the State will not interfere with operations of the SILC, except as provided by law and regulation and;
- (8) The SILC actively consults with unserved and underserved populations in urban and rural areas that include, indigenous populations as appropriate for State Plan development as described in Sec. 713(b)(7) the Act regarding Authorized Uses of Funds.¹

Section 8.2 Indicators of Minimum Compliance

Indicators of minimum compliance for Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) as required by the Rehabilitation Act (Section 706(b), 29 U.S.C. Sec 796d-1(b)), as amended and supported

- c. Meetings seeking public input regarding the State Plan provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws, and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i);
 - d. Public meeting locations, where public input is being taken, are accessible to all people with disabilities, including, but not limited to:
 - i. proximity to public transportation,
 - ii. physical accessibility, and
 - iii. effective communication and accommodations that include auxiliary aids and services, necessary to make the meeting accessible to all people with disabilities.
 - e. Materials available electronically must be 508 compliant and, upon request, available in alternative and accessible format including other commonly spoken languages.
- (5) The SILC monitors, reviews and evaluates the State Plan in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(2) ensuring:
- a. Timely identification of revisions needed due to any material change in State law, state organization, policy or agency operations that affect the administration of the State Plan approved by the Administration for Community Living.
- (6) The SILC State Plan resource plan includes:
- a. Sufficient funds received from:
 - i. Title VII, Part B funds;
 - 1. If the resource plan includes Title VII, Part B funds, the State Plan provides justification of the percentage of Part B funds to be used if the percentage exceeds 30 percent of Title VII, Part B funds received by the State;
 - ii. Funds for innovation and expansion activities under Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 721(a)(18), as applicable;
 - iii. Other public and private sources.
 - b. The funds needed to support:
 - i. Staff/personnel;
 - ii. Operating expenses;
 - iii. Council compensation and expenses;
 - iv. Meeting expenses including meeting space, alternate formats, interpreters, and other accommodations;
 - v. Resources to attend and/or secure training and conferences for staff and council members and;
 - vi. Other costs as appropriate.

The signature below indicates the SILC's agreement to comply with the aforementioned assurances and indicators:

Joan LaBelle

Name of SILC chairperson

Joan LaBelle

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Signature

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 9: Signatures

The signatures below are of the SILC chairperson and at least 51 percent of the directors of the centers for independent living listed in section 6.3. These signatures indicate that the CO SILC and the Centers for Independent Living in the state agree with and intend to fully implement this SPIL's content. These signatures also indicate that this SPIL is complete and ready for submission to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2020

Joan LaBelle

SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

DATE

Joan LaBelle

NAME OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

Disabled Resource Services

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

Candie Burnham

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Candie Burnham

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Atlantis Community

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

Maria Stepanyan

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

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NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Center for People with Disabilities

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

Rochelle Mitchell-Miller

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Rochelle Mitchell-Miller

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Connections for Independent Living

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

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Bill Edwards

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SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Bill Edwards

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Center for Disabilities (dba Center Toward Self Reliance)

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

DocuSigned by:

Ian Engle

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SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Ian Engle

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Northwest CO Center for Independence

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

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Martha Mason

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SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Martha Mason

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Southwest Center for Independence

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

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Joan LaBelle

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SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

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Joan LaBelle

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Disabled Resource Services

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

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Carrie Schillinger

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Carrie Schillinger

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

The Independence Center

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Linda Taylor

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Center For Independence

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

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i Sec. 704(c).

ii 45 CFR 1329.17(g).

iii Sec. 704(b), sec. 705(e), 45 CFR 1329.12(b)(2) and 1329.15 (c)(1)-(6).

iv 45CFR 1329.14(a) & (b) and 1329.12(b)(2)