



MEETING MINUTES

**New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council
Quarterly Meeting
2:00 p.m. February 2, 2015
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 211 DVR Way
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

I. Welcome/Call to Order Sarah Michaud

- The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Introductions

III. Roll Call Katie Bridgewater, Davis Innovations, SILC Coordinator

- Norbert Archibeque – Present
- Curtis Chong – Absent
- Ken Collins – Present
- Sarah Michaud – Present
- Albert Montoya - Present
- Jim Parker - Present
- Larry Rodriguez – Present
- **Quorum was confirmed.**

DI Participants (SILC Support Team)

- Katie Bridgewater - ADA Coordinator, DI
- Ms. Fanny Pearce - Travel Coordinator, DI
- Tawnya Rowland - Recording Secretary, DI

Visitors

- Tim Carver - San Juan Center for Independence, Farmington
- Veronica DeLeon-Dowd - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Audra Hudson - Choices, Roswell, Hobbs, Carlsbad
- Branda Parker - San Juan Center for Independence, Farmington, Gallup, and Pueblos,
- Isabel Rodriguez



Meeting Handouts:

- ✓ February 2, 2015 SILC Meeting Agenda
- ✓ November 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- ✓ November 7, 2014 SILC Meeting Agenda
- ✓ November 7, 2014 Meeting Recommendations
- ✓ August 8, 2014 SILC Meeting Minutes
- ✓ Travel Request/Reimbursement Process
- ✓ SILC Board Member Contact List
- ✓ NM Independent Living Council Info Sheet
- ✓ Draft SILC Brochures

IV. Action Item – Approval of February 2, 2015 Meeting Agenda Sarah Michaud

- Larry Rodriguez - Motioned
- Albert Montoya - 2nd Motion
- **Approved**

V. Action Item – Approval of Minutes from Nov 7th Meeting Sarah Michaud

- Larry Rodriguez - Motioned
- Albert Montoya - 2nd Motion
- Jim Parker - Abstained
- **Approved**

VI. Discussion of SILC Outreach Sarah Michaud

- A table has been reserved at tomorrow's Disability Rights Awareness Day event. Ken Collins will be staffing the table.
- After the Disability Rights Awareness Day event, we will be 2/3 of the way to our goal of participating in three (3) outreach events as a SILC this year.
- Please let Sarah Michaud know if there are any upcoming events that SILC might participate in to increase awareness of the CILs, and if there is any interest from SILC members in staffing the table/event.
- On March 18, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a 17th Annual Disability Awareness Conference at the Pueblo of Jemez Youth Center. A table will be available at no cost to SILC and to the CILs. We would specifically like the San Juan Center to participate. This is a resource-sharing event. Ms. Michaud needs a SILC member to staff the table if there is interest.
- Ms. Michaud asked if there were any other events coming up? There were none mentioned. She asked for expression of interest if there are other events in the future.
- Katie Bridgewater (DI) stated that DI has already expended the budget for booth fees for outreach events, but that we could request a budget adjustment if there is a need to pay for additional booth fees.



VII. SILC Draft Brochure and Logos Discussion

Katie Bridgewater

- There are two (2) draft SILC brochures for discussion. Drafts of both brochures were distributed to the group.
- The drafts were sent electronically as well.
- Review of logos was requested.
- Ken Collins requested that the brochure reflect his correct title, Program Manager (not Program Director).
- Norbert Archibeque suggested that the graphic be moved up on the front of the brochure.
- Katie Bridgewater mentioned that contact information is not listed and asked if it should be listed.
- Ms. Hudson mentioned that contact list is missing Choices.
- Choices satellite offices information is missing on the information sheet, as well as on the brochure drafts.
- Satellite centers need to be on contact list and on brochure.
- Ms. Michaud is in favor of having SILC contact information in the brochure. She asked for discussion.
 - Contact for Marcie Davis, as SILC Coordinator should be added.
- Logo preference is that lettering/text with the Eagle graphic be presented with the four square color logo. Switch four Square logo graphic with the Eagle graphic text.
- Ms. Michaud asked that revised drafts be created and presented for review.
- Katie Bridgewater acknowledged that revised drafts would be created and sent out for approval.
- The blank space will be filled with additional text if needed, and as provided.
- Ms. Michaud asked that changes be emailed to group.
- Jim Parker suggested adding advocating for home services.
- Larry Rodriguez suggested 1st bullet - Need to capitalize "State Plan for Independent Living"
- Jim Parker said 3rd bullet doesn't mean anything. Add peer support, individual advocacy, and empowerment. Need to spell things out to the general public.
- Mr. Collins asked if Native Americans should be mentioned - regarding IL services for Native Americans in New Mexico.
 - Ms. Michaud asked if it would be limiting to mention one group over another. We serve anyone within the State. If we start to mention specific groups, it may marginalize groups we don't identify.
- Norbert Archibeque has a specific mission for the NM SILC that he would like included. We should expand that bullet with this language from the Mr. Archibeque's handout.



- Ms. Michaud stated it is our mission to educate and advocate for policies, resources, practices and attitudes supported by the independent living philosophy.
- Ms. Bridgewater will get a copy of it before she leaves today.
- Mr. Parker suggested that the last sentence of mission sounds 1970's to him.
 - Ms. Michaud said it is something to think about in terms of changing the language a little bit.
- Ms. Michaud asked that brochure edits be made and submitted before next meeting.
 - Ms Bridgewater will send out revised draft with changes highlighted. She requested that any additional group edits be made and sent back to DI for final revisions.
- Mr. Collins asked about availability of brochures for tomorrow's table event.
 - Marcie Davis has original brochures and tablecloth. They will be delivered by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.
- Ms. Bridgewater will send out revised draft within the next week or so. We would like to switch out Eagle logo for the four square color logo, but use the text style from the Eagle logo.
- Ms. Michaud asked that everyone double-check his or her contact information to make sure it's correct.
- Ms. Bridgewater pointed out that there are two contact lists in the packet. She will email list to anyone who wants it electronically.

VIII. 704 Report Update

Sarah Michaud

- Ms. Michaud stated this topic is specific to the quarterly reporting format for the Centers to the SILC. We want it to match the 704 Report format. Ms. Michaud asked Marcie Davis about this last meeting. She would like it done prior to next meeting.
- For clarification, Tawnya Rowland asked about the formatting requirements and if the format is character limited to fit into the 704 report template that Lorie uses.
 - Ms. Michaud stated for clarification that this is not a SILC report. It's a report from the Centers. We are asking for a format for the CILs to report to the SILC, using documentation that matches how they report on the 704 report.
 - Ms. Rowland asked what is the 704 report format? What is the goal format requirement?
 - Ms. Michaud replied that there is no template or format. It is a requirement for them to document their follow-up under the SPIL. They need to have a format created for the CIL Directors to report to the SILC. The format needs to be developed by DI and it needs to include specifically what the SILC needs to know:
 - Who is being served by the CILs?
 - How are they being served by the CILs?
 - What is going really well within the CILs?



- What are the problem areas within the CILs?
- Who are the Centers partnering with?
- Ms. Michaud stated that the goal is for us to create a report under the SPIL. We have not been able to meet this goal yet because we do not have a reporting format.
- Ms. Michaud stated that our goal is to get a synopsis of each Center that includes the 5 points above.
- Branda Parker stated that they discussed using the format they use for Lorie on a quarterly basis, and just add bullets to capture the additional information.
- Ms. Michaud stated that the recommendation is to have a format that works for the directors and does not create an additional burden. We just need a way to get those reports because what Lorie gets, the SILC does not get. We do get the synopsis, but we need a little more information. We need the 5 points as mentioned above. It should have been done a year ago. We need to have it done ASAP. Prior to next meeting.
- Ms. Bridgewater said that it would be helpful if someone could send an example of what is currently being done so we have a starting point.
- Tawnya Rowland asked if there are character limitations in terms of it being copied and pasted into a character restricted template?
- Ms. Michaud stated, no. They will be taking the Center report information and creating their own synopsis that will in turn be posted on the website. Some of the information will then go into the 704 Report, but that information will be consolidated later.
- Ms. Michaud stated that the goal is to make this a living document, and we need to capture all the necessary details.
- Branda Parker will send Ms. Bridgewater a sample of the current document so DI has a starting point.
- Norbert Archibeque stated that part of Goal 1.1 in the plan says what we want - 5 point services - core services. Should they be reporting on the core services?
- Ms. Michaud stated - yes. Sounds good.
- Ms. Bridgewater stated that we have a much better understanding of what is needed and we will be able to comply with the request.

IX. Update re: IL Services to NM Pueblos

Ms. Parker was asked to provide an update on IL services to the Pueblos:

- First Town Hall will be held February 10, 2015 at San Felipe Pueblo at 1:30p.m. Biggest room only holds 20 people, so meeting may be held at the Casino. San Felipe has been the most inviting Pueblo.
- Previous grant holder made promises they didn't keep, so struggle is building confidence that we will follow through.
- Goal is to have Town Hall Meetings every Tuesday through March 2015.



- Ms. Michaud stated that the Pueblo Town Halls should be conducted separately to avoid inter-Tribal politics between Zia and Jemez. Both Pueblos have sizeable meeting space.
- Ms. Parker needs direction from DVR and SILC. Does there need to be representation by both entities for the Town Halls?
- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd will have to look it up.
- Ms. Parker will publish meeting notice in the paper at least 72 hours in advance.
- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd understands that SILC should be involved because it will impact reporting, and will impact SPIL document as a whole. We need to be aware of changes, and it's an opportunity for DVR to educate the tribes and increase tribal membership.
- Entire SILC board doesn't need to be represented, but maybe one or two members if possible.
- Ms. Michaud can help facilitate meeting from Governor at Jemez.
- Medical issues of San Juan representative being resolved, but she will be contact person for Town Hall meetings.
- Ms. Michaud stated that the Director of Healthcare Department/Santa Ana Governor is supportive and they-should have good luck there as well.
- Mr. Parker asked if there is a way to expand grant dollars.
- Ms. Parker stated that goal now is to rebuild trust - start from ground zero and rebuild trust.
- Ms. Michaud stated that starting over might be a benefit.

X. Discussion re: Definition of Unserved vs. Underserved

Ms. Michaud asked for report from Albert Montoya and Norbert Archibeque.

- Albert Montoya stated that on October 2, 2014, he sent out an email. He then read the definition he emailed. Parameters they came up with involved compiling a database to define core services.
- Mr. Archibeque said they came up with idea to compile a database that covers the 5 core services by County. They looked at each county to see what 5 core services they are receiving.
- Mr. Montoya said we could use 704 to help with definition. To get more qualitative information, we need to look at the members. We can access the 704 information, but need to know what the SILC wants them to do.
- Ms. Michaud stated that being involved in 704 is important, the more data we can use, the stronger the report. We are asked to identify the Counties that are unserved and underserved. We need to justify the rating. Who is providing services? Who are we networking with? Ms. Michaud relies on Center reports to complete the section. She relies on comments to provide the justification.
- Mr. Montoya stated that we could compile the information. It's a great tool but it's also subjective. Their approach is more data driven.



- Mr. Collins stated he thinks they are right on task by looking at data.
- Mr. Montoya stated they stopped working on database because they were not sure what the SILC wants. Should they compile information by Center, by county, by geographic area, etc.?
- Mr. Collins asked if we could take the 5 core services and identify what centers are doing what?
- Mr. Montoya thought they might compile data by disability, by location.
- Mr. Collins thinks data by location would be useful.
- Ms. Michaud stated that compiling data by county and by service would result in a stronger document.
- Mr. Collins agreed that adding the names of which the SILC is collaborating with. This will give us a chance to look at what's out there.
- Mr. Archibeque stated that they used the 5 core services.
- Mr. Parker asked what does collaboration actually mean? Who are we working with for example in Clayton? Is it Choices? Does that mean they get services from Choices? Is it an agency they know of or have just heard about? For example, we work with Open Doors in Clovis, but he doesn't know who the contact is.
- Ms. Michaud stated that one point of doing this is to create a resource list to see who is providing what in those counties. Once contact list is compiled, then we know who to network with, who to call and can ask if they can assist with funding.
- Mr. Collins stated that collaboration is at different levels. Like attending a meeting - In Gallup they have Share and Care group. It deals with homeless and alcohol issues. It includes City, County, and law enforcement. There are different levels - if you are an observer or a participant. It raises questions – if you just go to a meeting versus jumping in and becoming an active participant. Active participants are in the Share and Care program. We just need to define collaboration.
- Mr. Parker asked if it is a one-way collaboration or a two-way collaboration. One-way may not be something that both sides are interested in.
- Mr. Archibeque wants to wait on sample report to see where this goes. This is the report Ms. Davis is reformatting.
- Ms. Bridgewater and Ms. Michaud stated that the Center reports will show who the centers are collaborating with and how. All the information being discussed will be added to the new reporting template.

XI. CIL Reporting Format Follow-Up

- Ms. Michaud stated one of things she wanted to discuss was the SILC website. We now have an opportunity to see it on the screen. We need to start adding report data and SILC data to the website.
- All public notices, minutes, agendas etc. need to be posted on the website. We have made great strides in doing this over past 6 months. Want to point out this is an



opportunity for Centers to highlight success stories, and activities that Centers want to promote. Not all Centers are represented on website yet.

- Mr. Montoya stated that we need Centers to send pictures.
- Ms. Michaud stated that it is important to make sure that information stays up to date. The more Centers can send to put on the calendars and to highlight the better. This is all detail we have to report on. Once we start getting formalized Center reports, we will be able to demonstrate what SILC does and how Centers are responding. One recommendation was for DVR to get involved.
- Mr. Parker said that government meetings have agendas on websites. Meeting notices for public hearings – anyone can attend.
- Ms. Michaud said we want to be able to do this more effectively but need to know what budget is being proposed. This is not always information we get. Flat funding is an issue. We want to be more involved.
- Mr. Parker mentioned the need to discuss the issue of lack of funding. We can try to make justification for budget expansions. The government doesn't like that. But, making case for budget expansion is needed. DVR should make the case. What comes out of LFC and Governor's Office is what you have to deal with. Whether we do it as a SILC or just as people, we need to make a case.
- Mr. Archibeque noted DVR representative stepped out of room. We need to be part of DVRs budget planning process. They were moving forward with a flat budget – there was no request that a SILC member be included in the budget meetings.
- Mr. Montoya said they never include us. Maybe we need to start doing our own thing because we are never asked to participate.
- Mr. Collins mentioned our webpage – Mr. Parker mentioned when he was on Governor's Commission, he used website to announce and promote meetings. List all important meetings, not just SILC. Provide a public forum for budget and other types of meetings.
- Ms. Michaud said this is something we want the website to do. Point out what the Centers are doing. What is the impact to IL? Are there public hearings? Are there LFC meetings around the state? Are there conferences and events?
- Mr. Archibeque asked if someone at DI could add that information.
- Ms. Bridgewater stated that DI does not have access to the website, so if we have hosting service then DI could get involved. Also, Ms. Bridgewater mentioned that currently our budget does not allow DI to perform this service. We would need to create a BAR in order to accommodate the request. We may be able to move some budget items around.
- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd suggested said we can contact Katy Groth (Lorie's temporary replacement) for a budget adjustment so that we have the funds to get into and routinely update the website.
- Ms. Michaud agreed that we need to do a BAR since the website is part of the DI contract.



- Mr. Collins said we could add a calendar of events or upcoming events heading or page on website. This way we can get our consumers involved.
- Ms. Bridgewater said given the opportunity, DI can make can make the website more accessible.
- Mr. Archibeque suggested we add a drop down menu with glossary and definition of terms and acronyms.
- Ms. Michaud asked Ms. DeLeon-Dowd if she could send SILC notifications of budget meetings so that SILC can attend.
- Mr. Parker suggested we might find an individual to scan government websites to identify public meetings and send the meeting notices out to people.
- Mr. Archibeque asked Ms. DeLeon-Dowd if SILC could be involved and active in budget process throughout the year.
- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd said they get money from RSA, and they want to be able to help with waitlists. Budgets won't change that much from year to year. Lorie is involved, but Veronica can find out how to get SILC involved.
- Ms. Michaud stated the more we know about the process the more we can be advocates for the funding agencies. Right now we don't know what the process is for making funding decision. It gives us the opportunity to answer 704 report questions about budgets and what would you do if you had to close a center or if you needed to open a new center.
- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd suggested that the DVR budget analyst come and talk to the SILC group. Maybe one of the three or all three can attend.
- Ms. Michaud said that would be great.
- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd said we could do it as a teleconference. It would be nice if SILC would send a formal invite.
- Ms. Michaud will send an invite to Michael.
- Mr. Parker said after the legislative session is over; we should go meet with the legislators to help educate them. One legislator from Socorro knows about IL. We should find out who is on the House Appropriations and Finance. Stewart Ingle might be a good advocate. This may help with funding and expansion. Disability is on the bottom of the ladder. One suggestion was to add \$5 on all vehicle registrations, which over 3 years would raise over \$8M to help fund disability issues. Persistence is key.
- Mr. Parker asked if website is 508 compliant.
- Ms. Bridgewater said, yes she is assuming it is now.
- Mr. Parker suggested that we have Curtis look at website for contrast.
- Ms. Bridgewater will talk to Ms. Davis about DI taking over the website, and about the need to get additional funding.
- Ms. Michaud agreed and the BAR needs to be submitted.



XII. Follow-Up on SILC Recommendations

- Ms. Michaud stated that the next point is to follow up on SILC recommendations. As the SPIL states, we want feedback.
- Recommendations made at last meeting:
 - Ms. Hudson from Choices had meeting with Roswell Mayor. They did not physically get consumers there but they got letters from consumers. The Mayor said they were 3rd group to complain about the transportation system. The Mayor said he was going to have his assistant start talking to people along the bus line. Following this conversation, there was a newspaper article where Mayor was quoted saying there are no problems with bus service and everything was great. Mayor never got back to Ms. Hudson so she is going to set up another meeting to find out why the Mayor made false statements to the paper. Ms. Hudson's timeframe from the Mayor was 3 months – she is not sure what happened and why he would not work with Choices, but she will follow-up.
- Mr. Parker suggested Ms. Hudson attend City Council meetings – they are open to the public. Go to the meetings and talk about the transportation issues. News media will be there.
- Ms. Hudson stated that the last time the Mayor was confronted at a City Council meeting, he blew up at a veteran. He doesn't perform well at City Council meetings.
- Mr. Collins suggested maybe going to the City Manager.
- Mr. Carver suggested Ms. Hudson contact the ADA Coordinator at the City of Roswell and ask what they are doing about the issues.
- Ms. Michaud asked Ms. Hudson to keep the SILC posted.
- Mr. Parker asked if the Roswell paper is open to letters to the editor.
- Ms. Hudson said they have had good response from them on other issues.
- Mr. Archibeque said that Steve Polasek is City Manger. He gave the phone number for Ms. Hudson to contact him. 575. 637.6969.
- Ms. Michaud asked if the San Juan Center and ILC roundtable about procurement was held?
- Ms. Parker said ILC was not involved – just San Juan Center. They met with Julie Weinberg and two others. Meeting went okay. It was a good meeting because it happened, and they heard what Ms. Parker had to say. Some policies have changed. Some of the MCOs have reached out to Ms. Parker.
- Ms. Michaud asked if there were any recommendations for the other Centers about setting up meetings.
- Ms. Parker mentioned that Julie Weinberg has resigned; it was likely that they would not be able to get a meeting. Ms. Parker suggested reaching out to Leslie Smith. MCOs are fearful that it's a duplication of services. But she feels it is not a duplication of services.
- Ms. Michaud stated that New Vistas is not present to report on small grants.



- Ms. Michaud encourages centers to follow up with MCOs and make themselves known.
- Mr. Parker asked if Ms. Parker contracts with the MCOs.
- Ms. Parker replied, yes, under personal care services. They want credentialing for each service that San Juan provides, and Ms. Parker does not agree with that.
- Ms. Michaud stated that Michael raised this issue at last meeting.
- Mr. Archibeque noted that we haven't seen Ron Garcia.
- Ms. Michaud noted that he reached out to her and had a previous commitment, but will make every effort to attend in future.
- Ms. Michaud will follow up with the directors to encourage them to attend. It's important for the Centers to attend so we can have these conversations.
- Ms. Parker asked if they don't feel they need to attend because their funding comes from other sources.
- It's in the federal regulations, so SPIL applies to all centers. It doesn't matter who funds them.
- Mr. Parker asked if all Centers receive funding from the State.
- Mr. Montoya stated he does not get any State funding. The only money he gets is Federal.
- Mr. Carver stated that Albuquerque and Roswell get some State funding.
- Mr. Parker said there is a responsibility when you get State funding to be responsive.
- Ms. Michaud said we are in agreement that we will be following up to encourage Center Directors to attend SILC meetings. We can't do teleconferences unless they advertise.

XIII. SILC Chairperson Report

- Ms. Michaud stated that she now has more responsibility. She has been busy since November with the 704 report. It was submitted by the deadline.
- She has been following up on membership with the Governor's Office on applications that have been submitted. The Governor's Office changed their format for applications so anything previously submitted is gone. Ms. Michaud asked people to reapply.
- David Hinkle had his interview. Bailey, our new contact, was contacted by Ms. Michaud. Ms. Michaud is asking everyone to identify people who have applied so she can contact Bailey and make sure she is following up on SILC applicants.
- Ms. Parker asked why people are being denied appointment.
- Ms. Michaud does not know what the glitch is. Her commitment is to follow up with Bailey once a month with specific names of people who have applied. There is someone who applied three times, and his application was lost three times. He will not reapply. She doesn't know why people are being denied.
- Mr. Carver stated his application was denied. No reason was given.



- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd said when she was with the State Use Act Council, she applied and her application was denied with no reason. She just kept applying.
- Ms. Hudson knows someone who wanted to be on brain injury board, but was asked to be on SILC board instead. She said no because she has a brain injury.
- Mr. Parker said the Governor's Office is very slow in processing applications. The applications are probably there somewhere. The Governor's Office conducts a thorough background check, which takes time.
- Mr. Carver said he went through the interview and had great qualifications. But he was still denied. Mr. Carver wants to know what they want if he was denied. The Board is short and they are denying qualified applicants.
- Ms. Michaud said in October 2013 she delivered a current list of applicants. She was told that they never received the applications that she knows were submitted. She doesn't understand denial. It is required to have a 121 representative.
- Mr. Carver said he applied as an individual not as an IL Center staff member.
- Mr. Parker suggested Mr. Carver reach out to his legislators.
- Ms. Michaud said we have thoroughly discussed the fact that we are not in compliance. RSA has term limits. Ms. Michaud's term limit ended but they lost her reapplication. She will follow up.
- Ms. Michaud said she has had a number of teleconferences with Ms. Davis in preparing for Lorie to go on maternity leave, preparing for Disability Rights Awareness Day, etc. She is glad reports are done. Now we are working on formatting reports, and gearing up for next year's reports.

XIV. SILC Coordinator Report

- Ms. Bridgewater stated that we have talked about a number of items - the brochure, the logo, the 704 report, the website, etc.
- Ms. Bridgewater has done BAR adjustments and will now do more for the website.
- Mr. Montoya asked if anyone participated in the ACL Webinar.
- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd has the PowerPoint and will share it with everyone. It would be good to put on the website. Ms. Bridgewater asked that she please send it to DI as well.

XV. State Agency Reports/Updates

a. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

- Ms. DeLeon-Dowd said there is a new ASU deputy director – Mike Mulligan. She recommended talking with him about the SILC.
- DVR is looking for a CFO.
- The Agency has been trying to implement the Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act.



- The Webinar was good – they are trying to make sure there are no hiccups in transition. SILC will stay at the division. As long as Ms. DeLeon-Dowd is interim director, SILC will stay at DVR. However, she may be replaced after the legislative session. She is trying to put MOUs in place. Lorie will be back in 2 months. There are people assigned to help in Lorie’s absence.

b. New Mexico Commission for the Blind

- Ms. Michaud asked if there is a report on the Commission for the Blind. Ms. DeLeon-Dowd has talked to them a couple of times. They want to maintain status.
- Curtis Chong didn’t make the last meeting.
- Mr. Parker suggested Ms. Michaud talk to Greg Trapp and ask him to assign someone to attend SILC on a regular basis.
- Ms. Michaud will reach out to him.

XVI. CIL Reports/Updates

a. Choices – Roswell, NM:

Audra Hudson

- Choices finished the State Fair. They had 2,000 people visit the booth.
- Hobbs has a lot going on. Lea County Guidance Center is working on affordable housing with Choices. Consumers are now in nice apartments at affordable rates. They have had good success getting people affordable housing.
- Lea County Head Start October Fest asked for Choices to let them help now.
- Carlsbad Lions Club is working on three ramps for consumers. They will be installed in the next few months.
- Roswell Turquoise Mental Health Facility is closing. They are trying to find alternatives to support displaced individuals. Major concerns regarding the closing and the impact it will have on the community. Ms. Hudson has a hearing tomorrow to find out what will happen.
- Ms. Hudson still needs a letter from SILC to put on website.
- Ms. Michaud will make this a priority.
- Ms. Hudson said there are only poor alternative services when Turquoise closes. There is one person who over-medicates and she won't send consumers to her.
- Law Enforcement misunderstands people with TBI.
- City Council will be at hearing tomorrow.

b. New Vistas – Santa Fe, NM

- No update



c. Independent Living Resource Center –

- No update

d. San Juan Center for Independence – Farmington, NM Branda Parker

- Ms. Parker said they engage in collaboration everyday with different groups using their facility.
- They are getting ready to do construction on their parking lot upgrades.
- They received a grant for construction of a musical garden, which will begin in March.
- Town Halls starting in February 2015 as discussed earlier.
- Before Christmas break, still seeing same issues. It needs to be looked at as systemic. It's not an individual problem. Roundtable problems are not restricted to Farmington. It's also happening in Las Cruces and Albuquerque.
- Ms. Parker met with Nancy today. There is a no text zone problem. This is reality. There is no reception for these different programs. Nancy is interim.
- Ms. Parker has a meeting with BCBS on Feb 11 – this is good start.
- There was a woman diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer – she had no insurance. Ms. Parker did Medicaid application for her. It was an emergency – 911 – Ms. Parker went to all the heads and got her services. She pulled it all together. What do people without this support do?
- Gallup – Mr. Collins and Ms. Parker have Elders First DVDs for adult day cares.
- Regarding the Casino presentation – the bulk of letters to introduce services are done.
- Monthly Center activities include Consumer Council. They received budget in July. Empowerment is positive – consumer representation is strong at San Juan Center.
- Ms. Parker created summer youth program. Week one will be high schools and week 2 will be mid schools. Program will occur in June.

e. The Ability Center – Las Cruces, NM

- Mr. Montoya said the Roundtable discussions were productive from an advocacy perspective. United Healthcare has been somewhat responsive.
- They had over 200 consumers show up for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day meals.
- Consumers filled out survey saying they can return to work, but they really are not ready to return to work. Ability Center has been advocating for them.
- They started a CIL training peer group. Participants are learning to count money, hygiene, etc. They did not go thru DVR.



- The ACL transition is at 3 month draw down. They need to identify every expense. Transition looks optimistic.
- Food Bank now has 3000 lbs of food per week to give to consumers.
- They have 5 consumers that filed suit for mismanagement of funds. Social Security was not willing to help so they have gone through the Attorney General.
- Casino on Park Race Track and Ability Center are hosting an event for children with disabilities.

XVII. SILC Discussion/Recommendations from CIL Reports

- Ms. Michaud reminded the group that SILC Discussion/Recommendations from CILs would continue to be a standing agenda item.
- Mr. Archibeque requested there be follow-up to make sure the CILs participate in the meetings.
- Ms. Michaud requested updates from Ms. Hudson on transportation issues with the Roswell Mayor. If she needs letters or any other support, Ms Hudson will let her know.
- Ms. Michaud asked Mr. Montoya to send the PowerPoint from the webinar – she requests all SILC members review the PowerPoint.
- Ms. Michaud requested that Ms. Parker follow up with her on meetings with the tribes. If there is anything Ms. Michaud can do to help, Ms. Parker will let her know.

XVIII. Other Business

- Next meeting will be May 15, 2015 in Roswell. The Choices program has a conference space to hold the meeting. Ms Hudson will be the point of contact for DI in coordinating the meeting.

XIX. Adjournment

- Ms. Michaud asked for motion to adjourn.
- Mr. Archibeque - Motioned
- Mr. Collins - 2nd Motion
- Ms. Michaud adjourned the meeting at 4:35pm after a unanimous vote.