# FY2025-2027 SPIL Public Input Session March 27, 2024

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 >> STEVE LOCKE: It is 1:00. We are going to get started. Thank you for joining the Michigan statewide independent living virtual hearing on 2024-27 state plan for the independent living. I am Steven Locke. This meeting is being recorded and closed captioning and ASL is being provided. The MISILC is a Governor supported, controlled Council that jointly develops a three-year state plan for independent living also called the SPIL or the state plan. We do this with the centers for Independent Living in the State of Michigan after public input from individuals with disabilities, stakeholders, and the public. The SPIL establishes a blueprint for present and future Independent Living programs and services in Michigan and reflects our commitment to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements during the three years that are covered by the plan. The MISILC is conducting a survey to gather information about programs and services that provide support and opportunities for people who have disabilities who live independently in the community. The information collected will help to assess how those programs and services are meeting the needs of people who have disabilities living in Michigan. Results of the survey will provide the statewide Independent Living Council with the information necessary to work with advocates and policy makers to create new initiatives and to enhance existing services for Michiganders who have disabilities. Your participation in the process is vital and we appreciate your time and consideration in completing this survey and being here today. The Council needs to hear directly from people who have disabilities, their family members, friends, caregivers, and other stakeholders. The 2024-27 timeline is as follows between now and May 1st the Council will continue Input on the plan. By May 1st we will have a draft state plan complete and there will be a 30-day comment period for the public on the draft SPIL from May 1st to May 30th. The state plan is due to the administration on community living no later than June 30th of 2024. Along with participating in today's meeting you may also submit your comments by completing SILCs community assessment survey online. A link to the survey may be found on our website at www.MISILC.org. You may also submit your comments via e-mail to Tracy@MISILC.org, that is TRACY@MISILC.org. You may also mail comments to PO Box 71 Middleville, Michigan. That is M-I-D-D-L-E-V-I-L-L-E, zip code 49333 or by calling toll free 833-808-7452. If you need any accommodation to participate in this survey please contact Tracy Brown, SILC director of operations, at the e-mail I just listed or at the toll-free number. To encourage orderly administration of this meeting and to minimize the possibility of any disruptions, this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the following protocols. NSH number one, the sole purpose of this meeting is to receive input into the development of the 2024-2027 SPIL.

 Number two Members of the public who wish to give their input will be given a single five-minute time period for each question to make their public comment. Members of the public or groups or organizations wishing to submit written or recorded comments may do so by providing their written or recorded comments to Tracy Brown SILC operations director. Now to the questions that we are going to ask, and they are the same questions on the survey that is available online.

 The first question is what barriers have you experienced or are experiencing now that impact your ability to live independently in the community?

 Would anybody in attendance like to give a public comment on question number one? You can do so by stating your first name or using the hand raised feature on Zoom. I don't see any hands. Again, I will repeat the question. What barriers have you experienced or are experiencing now that impact your ability to live independently in your community? Would anybody like to give a public comment or answer that question?

 We'll move on to question number two. What would you like to see changed in your community? Would anybody library to give input on question number two? What would you like to see changed in your community? You may also use the chat feature that is located on the bottom of the screen on the left-hand side if you would like to type comments. If you would like to use the raise your hand feature, this is a reaction icon, click on that and you will see the raised hand. Or state your first name and that you would like to give public comment.

 We'll move on to question number three. What Independent Living services do you currently Receive? There are services listed. Those services include advocacy, information and referral, school to work transition, peer support, independent living skills support, and transition to community-based living. Several centers provide services in addition to these, so we have included an other. Would anybody like to talk about what independent living services they currently receive? I don't see any hands.

 We will move on to question number four. What services would you like your center for independent living to provide? Would anyone like to give Input on question number four? Again, that question is what services would you like your center for independent living to provide? Seeing no hands, and hearing no indication, and nothing in the chat so far, we'll move on to question number five. What have we not asked about your experience about independent living that you feel is important for the council to know? Would anyone like to give public comment on question number five? I will read that one more time. What have we not asked about your experience with independent living that you feel is important? The floor is open for public comments.

 Seeing and hearing no public comment, I want to remind everyone on the call is survey is available if you go to the website a link pops up on a front page, click on the link and fill out the survey online through survey monkey or again, by emailing Tracy or calling and speaking to Tracy or leaving a voice mail. Thank you for joining us today. We appreciate your time. And have a great day.