April 1, 2024, FY2025-2027 SPIL Writing Team Meeting Notes

Team Members Present: Amanda Rhines-Poehlman, Jamia Davis, Steve Locke, Jan Lampman, Bill Addison, Yvonne Fleener, Aaron Andres, Mark Pierce.

Drafting Michigan’s 2024-2027 SILC SPIL Goals

2024 – 2027 SPIL Timeline Review

* Steve reviewed the timeline.

Now - May 1, 2024: Continue Gathering Public Input

May 1, 2024: Draft SPIL Complete for Public Comment

May 1, 2024 – May 30, 2024: Public Comment Period on Draft SPIL

June 30, 2024: SPIL Due to ACL

Public Input Review

* We have received 193 Community Needs Assessment responses so far.
* Public input will be ongoing and will be reviewed between May 1st through May 30th, 2024.
* We held three SPIL public input meeting sessions via Zoom in March.

CIL Network Goals

* There aren’t any new updates/changes to the SPIL goals working document.

State Level Partnership Goals for CIL Network and SILC

* Direct Care Workers & Emergency Preparedness will be approached from an advocacy perspective.
* BSBP IL Services ~ Lisa Kisiel will provide this information.

SILC Advocacy Goals

* Jamia and Steve will be meeting tomorrow to discuss three draft objectives and create measurable indicators for the SILC SPIL workgroup to discuss/modify at their meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Steve shared this information with the team:
  + Goal: Through a SILC led statewide community education campaign, advocate for access to affordable, accessible cross-county transportation for people with disabilities; increased availability of accessible/adaptable and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities; and increased access to mental health services for individuals with disabilities.
  + Objective 1: Utilizing SILC’s community education campaign, promote statewide understanding and support the need to invest in cross-county transportation options, fostering a more inclusive and accessible state.
  + Objective 2: Utilizing SILC’s community education campaign, raise statewide awareness among policymakers about the nuanced understanding of accessibility within the disability community. Emphasize that 'affordable' and 'accessible' are distinct concepts, often mistakenly used interchangeably by individuals outside the disability community.
  + Objective 3: Utilizing SILC’s community education campaign, raise statewide and policymakers’ awareness of the benefits of increased access to mental health services by individuals with disabilities.
* The council is looking to fund a Community Education and Advocacy Campaign by November 2024.
* The council may add another goal as a catch all phrase in case other advocacy issues arise so that we are not locked in to just these areas.
* We are looking at a two-prong approach. The advocacy would be with state legislators and also community awareness, where we do a public education campaign and specifically targeting lawmakers and legislators at the local and state level.

Approach to and Assignment of SPIL Sections

* Steve and Tracy will be carrying forward the language for most of the sections into the draft SPIL.
* We are counting on the CILs to work on the financial plan table. This is not a budget. ACL wants to get a general feel for what we think the Michigan IL resources will be for the three-year period.
* Once the information is added we will send the FY2025-2027 draft SPIL out to the team.
* The CILs suggested some language changes to Section 4, which is the DSE section.
  + In an effort to strengthen the overall system of compliance and ensure a transparent, fair, and open process that aligns the principles of good governance and oversight as well as leads to improved outcomes for Centers, the CIL Network would like to submit the following for consideration in Section 4 of the SPIL:

1. CIL’s may invite an outside observer with knowledge of CIL operations and federal requirements to participate in onsite compliance reviews by PED.
   1. Bill Addison ~ MRS doesn’t feel that this request belongs in the SPIL. The CIL will be given a draft written report after the onsite review and that is when an outside expert can review the draft report. MRS is open to discussing this in another format.
2. Include a process to challenge noncompliance findings, specifically spelled out. It should include the option to have disagreements reviewed by a neutral party/committee/etc.
   1. Bill Addison ~ MRS does not feel it is feasible to have a third party review the dispute. MRS is responsible for all decisions in the audit process. MRS is open to discussing this. Bill suggested setting up a meeting to go over the process again.

Public Comment

* No public comment was given.

Future Meeting Dates

* April 15, 2024 @ 2:30pm