TO: SILC Board

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SUBJECT: FY20 Progress on SPIL Objectives to be Reported to ACL

FY20 SPIL Progress on Objectives and Activities

Information about State Plan for Independent Living activities was compiled through reports from respective agencies and through a survey system with the CIL network and the SILC.

Seventeen out of 27 Centers, or 62 percent, reported their State Plan for Independent Living-related activities this reporting year. Four targets were not reached during the fiscal year. Targets that were not reached are indicated by an asterisk below.

The following entities participated in reporting Fiscal Year 2020:

1. ABLE Center for Independent Living

2. Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living

3. Coalition for Barrier Free Living/ Fort Bend Center for Independent Living

4. Coalition for Barrier Free Living/Brazoria County Center for Independent Living, Angleton

5. Coalition for Barrier Free Living/Houston Center for Independent Living

6. Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living

7. Crockett Resource Center for Independent Living

8. Disability in Action (formerly LIFE/RUN Not Without Us!)

9. Heart of Central Texas Independent Living

10. LIFE, Inc. - Disability Connections

11. LIFE, Inc. - LIFE/RUN

12. Palestine Resource Center for Independent Living

13. Panhandle Independent Living Center

14. REACH-Rehabilitation, Education and Advocacy for Citizens With Handicaps (Disabilities), Ft. Worth

15. REACH-Rehabilitation, Education and Advocacy for Citizens With Handicaps (Disabilities), Plano

16. San Antonio Independent Living Services

17. Volar Center for Independent Living

18. Texas State Independent Living Council

 Fiscal Year 2020 Activity Targets

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Goal 1: Advocacy

Texans with disabilities receive necessary supports and services to become more independent.

Objective 1.1: Systems Change: Individuals with disabilities are represented on boards, commissions, advisory committees, and other planning bodies with jurisdiction over services that impact individuals with disabilities.

Target FY2020: Centers for Independent Living/Texas State Independent Living Council create advocate toolkits; utilize toolkit.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-to-Date Progress: Eight CILs participated in activities to create an advocate toolkit and training protocol for advocates.

Objective 1.2: Personal Care Attendants: Individuals with disabilities have access to a strong network of quality Personal Care Attendants to assist them in gaining and retaining as much independence as they choose.

Target Fiscal Year 2020: Centers for Independent Living/Texas State Independent Living Council will conduct 75 advocacy activities on personal care attendant issues; distribute 150 consumer support toolkits; 75 activities to increase awareness of consumer directed services for consumers.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: Centers for Independent Living/Texas State Independent Living Council conducted 62\* advocacy activities on personal care attendant issues; distributed 23\* consumer support toolkits; 110 activities to increase awareness of consumer directed services for consumers.

Objective 1.3: Emergency Preparedness: State and local emergency officials include individuals with disabilities and their unique needs in their emergency planning processes.

Target Fiscal Year 2020: 5 advocacy activities at the state level; 20 advocacy activities at the local level; 20 advocacy activities to increase awareness in the disability community.

 Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: Centers for Independent Living/Texas State Independent Living Council conducted 36 advocacy activities at the state level; 95 advocacy activities at the local level; 614 advocacy activities to increase awareness in the disability community.

Objective 1.4: Transportation: Individuals with disabilities advocate for and utilize accessible public and private transportation

Target Fiscal Year 2020: 5 advocacy activities with the Texas Legislature on policy changes; 10 advocacy activities for expanded accessible transportation; 100 people trained as advocates for accessible transportation; 1 transportation summit held.

 Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: 12 advocacy activities with the Texas Legislature on policy changes; 123 advocacy activities for expanded accessible transportation; 512 people trained as advocates for accessible transportation; 1 transportation summit held in Galveston, Texas.

Objective 1.5: Housing: Individuals with disabilities have access to integrated, affordable, and accessible housing within the community of their choice.

Target Fiscal Year 2020: 50 advocacy activities for accessible housing; 15 universal design and universal communication access awareness and visitability activities provided to businesses, housing providers, developers, associations, and local governments; 5 housing coalitions/partnerships created toward increasing housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: 401advocacy activities for accessible housing; 38 universal design and universal communication access awareness and visitability activities provided to businesses, housing providers, developers, associations, and local governments; 55 housing coalitions/partnerships created toward increasing housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Goal 2: Network Capacity and Sustainability

The Independent Living Network operates effectively, is adequately funded, and has the capacity to expand.

Objective 2.1: Independent Living Transition: The network of Centers for Independent Living have adequate resources and capacity to provide Independent Living Services for Texans with disabilities.

Target Fiscal Year 2020: 5 new private funding sources secured to help provide Independent Living Services in the community; 3 teleconference/meetings for Center for Independent Living peer support during the Independent Living Services transition period; technical assistance provided to appropriate parties; 30 community awareness activities by Centers for Independent Living.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: 41 new private funding sources secured to help provide Independent Living Services in the community; 4 teleconference/meetings for Center for Independent Living peer support during the Independent Living Services transition period; technical assistance provided to appropriate parties; 763 community awareness activities by Centers for Independent Living.

Objective 2.2: Coordinating Funding for the Network: The network of Centers for Independent Living receives funding to provide current, additional, and expanded services to underserved and unserved areas of Texas.

Target Fiscal Year 2020: 15 advocacy activities targeted to the Texas Legislature or Texas Health and Human Services Commission to include secure state-funded Center for Independent Living funding in statute or biennial appropriations bills; 10 activities conducted in an effort to increase mobile/remote/virtual service options for Centers; 10 outreach contacts to community partners to use office space or locations on a regular basis; 4 activities in obtaining feedback from individuals with disabilities on the use of Part B dollars in Texas by surveying consumers through public forums, townhalls, public comment sessions, workshops, etc.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: 10\* advocacy activities targeted to the Texas Legislature or Texas Health and Human Services Commission to include secure state-funded Center for Independent Living funding in statute or biennial appropriations bills; 105 activities conducted in an effort to increase mobile/remote/virtual service options for Centers; 107 outreach contacts to community partners to use office space or locations on a regular basis; 71 activities in obtaining feedback from individuals with disabilities on the use of Part B dollars in Texas by surveying consumers through public forums, townhalls, public comment sessions, workshops, etc.

Objective 2.3: Reporting Consistency/Information Shared to Policymakers: The Independent Living Network reports accurate and consistent outcomes-based information to policymakers, grantors, and decision-makers.

Target Fiscal Year 2020: Provide annual State Plan for Independent Living evaluation summary on website; 30 highlights of success stories and impacts of State Plan for Independent Living outcomes by Centers for Independent Living and the Texas State Independent Living Council; 10 outreach activities to the Texas Legislature on the success of Center for Independent Living and Independent Living Services; 80 percent of Centers for Independent Living reporting on outcomes based framework as agreed to in the FY14-16 State Plan for Independent Living Goal 4 project; 100 percent providing annual 704 performance reports (or other federally required reports) to the Texas State Independent Living Council; 2 advocacy activities to have a single reporting tool and process for federal and state funded Centers.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: SILC provided annual State Plan for Independent Living evaluation summary on website; 440 highlights of success stories and impacts of State Plan for Independent Living outcomes by Centers for Independent Living and the Texas State Independent Living Council; 7 outreach activities to the Texas Legislature on the success of Center for Independent Living and Independent Living Services; 10 Centers for Independent Living reporting on outcomes based framework as agreed to in the FY14-16 State Plan for Independent Living Goal 4 project; 100 percent provided annual 704 performance reports (or other federally required reports) to the Texas State Independent Living Council; 6 advocacy activities to have a single reporting tool and process for federal and state funded Centers.

GOAL 3: Community Integration

Individuals with disabilities receive the community integration and community-based living supports needed to be more independent.

Objective 3.1: Youth Transition: Youth with disabilities access and utilize transition services provided by Centers for Independent Living and other providers.

 Target Fiscal Year 2020: 25 outreach points to school systems regarding Center for Independent Living participation in Admission, Review and Dismissal meetings or outreach to education service centers; 50 outreach activities to youth in underserved counties, populations, or races; 1 percent annual increase in youth consumers served by Centers.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: 123 outreach points to school systems regarding Center for Independent Living participation in Admission, Review and Dismissal meetings or outreach to education service centers; 120 outreach activities to youth in underserved counties, populations, or races.

Objective 3.2: Relocation: Individuals with disabilities residing in institutions or nursing homes are aware of and access relocation services provided by Centers for Independent Living.

 Target Fiscal Year 2020: 50 outreach activities to nursing facilities, institutions; 10 advocacy activities to increase number of Centers for Independent Living obtaining contracts or subcontract to provide relocation services; 30 coordination efforts with outside entities on relocation issues.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: 423 outreach activities to nursing facilities, institutions; 20 advocacy activities to increase number of Centers for Independent Living obtaining contracts or subcontract to provide relocation services; 455 coordination efforts with outside entities on relocation issues.

Objective 3.3: Diversion: Individuals with disabilities who are at risk for entering institutions or nursing homes access to diversion services provided by Centers for Independent Living.

Target Fiscal Year 2020: 50 percent of Centers for Independent Living use an assessment process/tool for determining risk; 50 outreach activities to those typically underserved such as those with age-related disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and youth; 50 education opportunities for parents or consumers on accessing waiting lists for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports or waiver services.

Fiscal Year 2020 Year-To-Date Progress: 11\* Centers for Independent Living use an assessment process/tool for determining risk; 508 outreach activities to those typically underserved such as those with age-related disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and youth; 56 education opportunities for parents or consumers on accessing waiting lists for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports or waiver services.

\*Targets that were not reached for 2020 are indicated by an asterisk.