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The SCIL did not maintain proper fiscal oversight.	We recommend the SCIL maintain financial records in accordance with contract terms to support expenditures incurred. We recommended the SCIL enhance its procedures to ensure expenses funded through DVR's contract are allowable and appropriately reflected in budget reconciliations by funding source. We recommended the SCIL ensure employees accurately and consistently allocate work hours across funding sources on the submitted timesheets. We recommended the SCIL maintain the petty cash in accordance with policies and procedures with completed and approved vouchers.	Management Response as of October 23, 2019: Concur. Moving forward SCIL will incorporate as a matter of policy and procedure a record keeping protocol to meet the contract requirements and ensure that it is compliant with CFR Part 75.302. Also, the Board Treasurer will randomly audit for records compliance for annual meeting report and the New Executive Director will be trained with assistance from VR and other Independent Living Fiscal Personnel. Training schedule to follow. A new time sheet will be used with proper allocation documentation embedded within the time sheet. The Fiscal Policies and Procedures will be updated by the Certified Public Accountant. The Petty Cash will	SCIL continues working with CPA, Stephen Wicker, who oversees SCIL finance ensuring all budget reconciliation, Invoices and Financial Reports are accurate and appropriately allocated in the budget reconciliation on monthly basis to ensure that expenses funded through DVR's contract are in compliance.  SCIL continues using the Fiscal Policy and Procedures approved by SCIL Board on 10/20/20. The use of petty cash has been eliminated since January 2021 after SCIL Board approval. The debit card has eliminated the use of petty cash. SCIL	Fiscal Policies and Procedures: Implemented November 2020 – on-going.  Debit Card: implemented January 2021 – on-going.  Mileage Tracking/Reimb ursement forms: Implemented November 2020 – On-going  Purchase Approval Request (PAR):
		be increased to \$500.00 with	continues using a debit card	Implemented

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		replenishment only after proper documentation required is received and approved. Also, petty cash needs to be signed out and must be approved by the Executive Director.  Management Response as of April 23, 2020: SCIL has recently hired a new CPA, Stephen Wicker, to oversee the financials, and begin the revision of SCIL's fiscal policy and procedures as well as make sure we are in compliance with CFR part 75.30 and maintain proper	since January 2021 in accordance with SCIL Policy and Procedures ensuring proper usage and documentation (Pg. 31 in the Fiscal Policies & Procedures). SCIL has been keeping the receipts for debit card purchases since January 2021 and will keep doing it for 5 years until January 2026 as per SCIL Policy and Procedures. SCIL's debit card is kept locked up in the SCIL Executive Director's Office.	& Contact  November 2020- On-going  COMS Clock- in/out: Implemented October 2019 On- going  Contact: Harvey Brooks – Executive Director  Stephen Wicker-
		financial records. SCIL is also in the process of acquiring new Board members and will start the auditing of fiscal record keeping by the Treasurer.  SCIL began using the COMS system to clock in/out to ensure more accurate time keeping. By	SCIL continues using the Mileage tracking/reimbursement forms implemented since 10/20/2020. On 10/8/2020 SCIL Board approved the Purchase	Accountant  Paola Villanueva  Program  Director

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		using the COMS system this also	Approval Request (PAR).	
		enabled SCIL to establish the	SCIL continues using the	
		needed ratios across staff payroll	PAR regardless of the	
		via SCIL's different funding	amount or how money is	
		sources. A report can be given to	spent.	
		accounting at any time to ensure	SCIL staff still using COMS	
		quality control within the Quick	as the database system to	
		books record keeping as well.	clock-in and clock-out along	
		SCIL implemented a petty cash	with the hard timesheet	
		system with the increase of petty	copy to accurately allocate	
		cash to \$500.00. The petty cash	SCIL staff work hours and	
		is kept in a lock box in the	properly distribute across	
		Executive Directors office. Petty	SCIL funding sources.	
		cash will only be used for	SCIL staff still updating	
		reimbursements under \$50.00	consumers notes in COMS	
		and with proper documentation,	database every time there is	
		such as a receipt or invoice.	contact/service (s) with/to a	
		Anything over \$50.00 MUST	consumer to ensure proper	
		have prior authorization before	backup documentation for	
		purchase and will only be	all funding sources.	
		reimbursed via check and this		
		could take up to two weeks.		
		Anticipated Completion Date &		
		Contact: Contact- Harvey		

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		Brooks & Stephen Wicker Fiscal		
		revisions Completion date -		
		9/23/2020		
		COMS clock in/out, Petty Cash		
		record keeping- Completed -		
		10/2019 implemented and on-		
		going Contact- Harvey Brooks &		
		Nicholl Hand		
		Management Response as of		
		October 23, 2020: Concur.		
		SCIL continues to work with the		
		CPA ensuring all Budgets and		
		financial reports are up to date.		
		The 2020 budget was submitted		
		to VR and approved (see		
		attached). SCIL also recently		
		completed the first revision of		
		the Fiscal Policy and Procedures.		
		The Fiscal P&P was submitted to		
		the board on 10/02/2020 and is		
		awaiting feedback and any		
		changes. (please note the copy		
		attached may not be the final		

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		edition as we are awaiting		
		possible edits) Currently SCIL is		
		working hand in hand with Paul		
		Martell at VR to continue our		
		VR Cost Reimbursement Plan.		
		SCIL has all Deliverables and		
		supporting documents submitted		
		up through September 2020.		
		SCIL also implemented a new		
		Purchase Approval Request		
		(PAR) Form. This form is used		
		regardless of the amount or how		
		the money is spent, Ex. Check,		
		card etc. (see attached, Credit		
		Card will be added and petty		
		cash deleted as it was just		
		approved and we don't		
		physically have a card yet).		
		SCIL also implemented a new		
		Mileage Tracking		
		/reimbursement form. (see		
		attached)		
		At the request of VR and the		
		SCIL management team; On		

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		10/8/2020 at the SCIL Board		
		Meeting a SCIL credit card was		
		voted on and approved. This will		
		eliminate the need for petty cash		
		in SCIL's general use and the		
		SCIL van gas/upkeep. The SCIL		
		Credit Card is in the SCIL Fiscal		
		Policy and Procedure to ensure		
		proper usage and documentation		
		(see pg. 31 in the Fiscal P&P).		
		The credit card eliminates the		
		need for a SCIL petty cash all		
		together. At the 10/08/2020		
		SCIL Board meeting the Board		
		voted for all petty cash accounts		
		to be eliminated. The petty cash		
		will be reconciled and deposited		
		at the bank once the C.C is		
		secured. All ledgers and receipts		
		of the Petty Cash will be filed		
		and kept for 3 yrs.		
		All staff continue to clock in		
		using the COMS database. This		
		ensures all staff time is		

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		distributed properly across the		
		SCIL funding ratios. All		
		consumer contact is also notated		
		in the COMS database to ensure		
		proper back up documentation		
		for all funding sources.		
		Anticipated Completion Date		
		and Contact:		
		Contact- Harvey Brooks, Nicholl		
		Hand, & Stephen Wicker		
		Fiscal Policy & Procedure		
		Rough draft completed-		
		10/02/2020 (waiting Board		
		approval) PAR Form completed		
		-07/2020		
		Budget approved with proper		
		allocation completed		
		implemented and on-going-		
		06/01/2020 COMS clock in/out,		
		Petty Cash record keeping-		
		Completed -10/2019		
		implemented and on-going		
		Contact- Harvey Brooks &		
		Nicholl Hand		

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		Management Response as of April 23, 2021: SCIL continues to work with the CPA ensuring all budgets and financial reports are up to date. (see attached). SCIL has in place the Fiscal policy and procedures after SCIL board member's approval on 10/20/20. SCIL had eliminated the use of petty cash and implemented the use of debit card since January 2021 after the SCIL board approved it. The SCIL debit card is in the SCIL Fiscal Policy and procedure to ensure proper usage and documentation (pg. 31 in the Fiscal P&P). SCIL debit card is kept in the Executive Director office. SCIL keeps using the Milage Tracking/ reimbursement form implemented on 10/20/20 (See attached). All ledgers and		& Contact

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		receipts of the Petty Cash has		
		been filed and will be kept for 3		
		yrs. SCIL will keep all the		
		receipts for debit card purchases		
		for five years.		
		A new Purchase Approval		
		Request (PAR) form has been		
		implemented after SCIL Board		
		members approval on 10/8/2020		
		SCIL Board meeting. This form		
		is used regardless of the amount		
		or how the money is spent (See		
		attached). SCIL keeps using the		
		Mileage		
		Tracking/reimbursement form		
		implemented 10/20. (See		
		attached).		
		SCIL staff will continue using		
		COMS database system to clock		
		in and clock out along with a		
		hard copy time sheet to accurate		
		allocate SCIL staff work hours		
		and properly distributed across		
		SCIL funding sources. Also,		

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		consumers are entered in COMS		
		database every time SCIL staff		
		contact a consumer to ensure		
		proper back up documentation		
		for all funding sources.		
		Anticipated Completion Date		
		and Contact: Completed		
		Contact- Harvey Brooks, Paola		
		Villanueva, & Stephen Wicker		
		Fiscal Policy & Procedure –		
		approved by SCIL Board		
		members on 10/20/20. Purchase		
		Approval Request Form -		
		approved by SCIL Board		
		members on 07/2020		
		Budget approved with proper		
		allocation completed		
		implemented and on-going-		
		06/01/2020. COMS clock in/out,		
		and hard copy timesheet		
		implemented on-going on bases.		
		Petty Cash eliminated and a		
		SCIL debit card has been		
		implemented since 10/20/20.		

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		Contact- Harvey Brooks & Paola Villanueva		
		Management Response as of October 23, 2021 SCIL continues working with CPA, Stephen Wicker, ensuring all Budgets Reconciliation, Invoices and Financial Reports are accurate and up to date. Mr. Wicker oversees the finances and ensure the expenses funded through DVR's contract are in compliance. SCIL continues using the Fiscal Policy and Procedures on 10/20/20 which was approved by the SCIL Board. SCIL has been using a debit card since January 2021 after SCIL board approval. The debit card has eliminated the use of petty cash. The SCIL debit card is in the SCIL Policy and Procedures		

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		to ensure proper usage and		
		documentation (pg.31 in the		
		Fiscal Policies & Procedures).		
		SCIL will keep all the receipts		
		for debit card purchases for five		
		years. SCIL's debit card is kept		
		locked up in the SCIL Executive		
		Director's office.		
		SCIL continues using the		
		Mileage tracking/ reimbursement		
		forms implemented since		
		10/20/20.		
		SCIL continues using the		
		Purchase Approval Request		
		(PAR) form approved by the		
		SCIL board member on		
		10/8/2020. This form is used		
		regardless of the amount or how		
		money is spent. The		
		SCIL staff is still using COMs as		
		the database system to clock-in		
		and clock-out along with a hard		
		copy timesheet to accurately		
		allocate SCIL staff work hours		

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		and properly distribute across		
		SCIL funding sources.		
		Consumer contacts are updated		
		in the COMs database every time		
		there is a contact with a		
		consumer to ensure proper back		
		up documentation for all funding		
		sources.		
		Anticipated Completion Date &		
		Contact		
		Completed		
		Fiscal policies and Procedures-		
		November 2020		
		Implemented and is on-going		
		Debit Card – January 2021		
		Implemented and is on-going		
		Mileage tracking/		
		reimbursement forms-		
		November 2020		
		Implemented and is on-going		
		Purchase Approval Request		
		(PAR) form-		
		November 2020		

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		Implemented and is on-going		
		COMS clock in/out		
		November 2019		
		Implemented and is on-going		
		Contact		
		Harvey Brooks & Paola		
		Villanueva		