

State Rehabilitation Council

2The governor may, by executive order, create non statutory committees in such number and with such membership as desired to conduct such studies and to advise the governor in such matters as directed.

[14.019 (1)] Persons appointed to a non statutory committee may be removed or replaced, or the committee may be abolished, by the governor at his pleasure [14.019(a)] Any non statutory committee shall expire on the 4th Monday of January of the year in which a new gubernatorial term of office begins unless the new governor, by executive order, provides for its continued existence and in that case persons then serving on such committees remain members until they resign or until they are removed or replaced by action of the new governor. [14.019(b)]

Purpose: The state shall establish a State Rehabilitation Council which shall, after consulting with DWD, review, analyze and advise DWD regarding the performance of the department and the extent, scope and effectiveness of services provided which affect the ability of individuals with disabilities in achieving employment outcomes. In partnership with DWD the council shall develop, agree to, and review state goals and priorities and evaluate the effectiveness of the vocational rehabilitation program then submit reports of progress to the Governor. The council shall also advise DWD regarding activities authorized to be carried out in an effort to help individuals with disabilities achieve employment outcomes as well as assist in the preparation of the State plan, applications, reports, needs assessment and evaluations as required by 29 USC Sec. 725. Conduct a review and analysis of effectiveness of and consumer satisfaction with: vocational rehabilitation services provided by state agencies and other public/private entities, employment outcomes achieved by eligible individuals receiving services under this subchapter, including the availability of health and other employment benefits in connection with such employment outcomes, and prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor on the status of vocational rehabilitation programs operated within the state and make the report available to the public [29 USC Sec. 725]

Membership: The council shall include the following members appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure but no longer than 3 years: 1 representative of the statewide independent living council, 1 representative of a parent training and information center [20 USCS 1482 (a)] 1 representative of the client assistance program established under 29 USCS 732, 1 qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor, with knowledge of and experience with vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member of the Council if the counselor is an employee of DWD, 1 representative of a community rehabilitation program service provider, 4 representatives of business, industry and labor, representatives of disability advocacy groups representing the following individuals: individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory and mental disabilities, individuals to advocate for individuals with disabilities who have difficulty in representing themselves or are unable to do so, current or former applicants for, or recipients of vocational rehabilitation services, 1 representative of the directors of the projects carried out under 29 USCS 741, 1 representative of the state educational agency responsible for the public education of students with disabilities under part B of IDEA (20 USCS 1411), 1 representative of the state workforce investment board and the director of DVR as an ex officio, nonvoting member (TT EO #363). No member may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

Appointed by Governor: All

Term: Pleasure of the Governor, up to 3 years ***TWO TERMS MAX***

Confirmation of the Senate: No

Aligned to: DWD (TT EO #363)

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STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

(Updated 12/29/2020)

Governor's Appointments with Specific Requirements:

Deb Henderson-Guenther	(client assistant program rep)	(at the pleasure)
<i>Vacant (Benziger)</i>	(state independent living council rep)	(at the pleasure)
Alicia Reinhard	(DPI rep)	(at the pleasure)
^Becky Hebda	(community rehab service provider)	(term expires 07/01/22)
Lori Karcher	(parent training/information center rep)	(term expires 07/01/22)
Megan Bisonette	(native american voc rehab prog rep)	(term expires 07/01/22)
*Alan Kaltenberg	(business, industry, or labor rep)	(term expires 07/01/23)
Mary Kessens	(business, industry, or labor rep)	(term expires 07/01/22)
Richard Straub	(business, industry, or labor rep)	(term expires 07/01/23)
^Joalyn Torgerson	(business, industry, or labor rep)	(term expires 07/01/23)
<i>Vacant (Swedeen)</i>	(advocacy rep)	(term expires 07/01/23)
Julie Burish	(advocacy rep)	(term expires 07/01/22)
Darla Burton	(advocacy rep)	(term expires 07/01/21)
Steven Corfman	(advocacy rep)	(term expires 07/01/23)
Elizabeth Kennedy	(advocacy rep)	(term expires 07/01/22)
*^Ramsey Lee	(advocacy rep)	(term expires 07/01/22)
^Debra Notstad	(advocacy rep)	(term expires 07/01/23)
*^Jaclyn Borchardt	(DVR Services Consumer)	(term expires 07/01/21)
*^Anntrice Brown	(DVR Services Consumer)	(term expires 07/01/23)
* Edward Kastern	(DVR Services Consumer)	(term expires 07/01/23)
*^Patrick Young	(DVR Services Consumer)	(term expires 07/01/23)
Ann Zenk	(council on workforce investment)	(term expires 07/01/22)

Ex-officio (Non-Voting Members):

Delora Newton	(DVR administrator)	(at the pleasure)
Gadeen Taylor-Duke	(vocational rehabilitation counselor)	(term expires 07/01/23)

^Second Term

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