



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM:

Kevin G. Smith

SUBJECT:

Appointments to the New York State Rehabilitation Council

DATE:

December 1, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed appointments and reappointments of members to the SRC?

Reason(s) for Consideration

The federal Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act, requires the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

Proposed Handling

This item will come before the Full Board at its December 2016 meeting.

Procedural History

Each year, as vacancies occur, the Board of Regents approves recommendations to fill such vacancies.

Background Information

Information on the proposed appointees is noted in Attachment 1.

Recommendation

VOTE: That Melissa Campbell, Yvette Goorevitch, Lindsay Miller, and Melissa Schindler be appointed as voting members for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

VOTE: That Deborah Croce, Paul Czech, and Helene Fallon be reappointed for a three year term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2017.

Attachments

Attachment 1

New York State Rehabilitation Council (New Appointments for term January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019)

Representative of business, industry, and labor

Melissa Campbell, Owner, Creator
Ultra Hoops & Wellness
Buffalo, NY 14213

- A highly motivated leader in the field of personal health and wellness
- Business owner whose hands on approach brings new wellness ideas to the forefront by coordinating special events, workshops, and speaking engagements
- Former gallery owner and avid proponent of the arts in Western NY

Representative of community rehabilitation program service providers

Yvette Goorevitch
Director of Special and Alternative Education
City School District of New Rochelle
New Rochelle, NY 10804

- Developed and implemented grant for Model Transition Program (MTP)
- Developed District Plan for Special Education
- An effective strategist in the development and implementation of multi-disciplinary programs to ensure access to curriculum for all students.

Representative of the New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC)

Lindsay Miller
Executive Director
New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL)
Albany, NY 12208

- Funding and programmatic oversight for Statewide Independent Living Centers
- Developed programs and funding that focused on people with disabilities and older adults transitioning out of institutions and back to the community
- Developed and implemented the Medicaid Redesign Team's initiatives, to advance disability advocacy priorities

Representative of Native American Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Melissa Schindler
Director, Seneca Nation Department of Employment and Training
Seneca Nation of Indians
Irving, NY 14081

- Formulated program policy providing employment & training services for all individuals

- Created program mission statement and development of new policy and procedures
- Implemented plan and provided direction to assure quality services and programming to clients

**State Rehabilitation Council
(Term Expirations)**

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

2017 Joann Marshall, Rehabilitation Counselor II, Central New York Psychiatric Center, 9005 Old River Road, Marcy, N.Y. 13403

Representatives of community rehabilitation program service providers

2017 Michael Irwin, Program Director, Greater Syracuse Works, 516 Burt Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

2017 Fredda Rosen, Executive Director, Job Path, 22 West 38th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10018

2017 Michael A Sherman, Peer Counselor Coordinator/IL Specialist, North Country Center for Independence, 80 Sharron Ave, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

2017 Joanie Parker, Director of Day and Vocational Initiatives, Heritage Christian Services, 349 West Commercial St, Suite 2795, East Rochester NY 14445

Representative of a Parent Training and Information Center established pursuant to the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA)

2017 Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Executive Director, United We Stand of New York, 91 Harrison Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Representatives of disability advocacy groups

2017 Roger Purdy, Director, Disability Support Services, LeMoyne College, 4158 Cherrywood Drive, Syracuse, NY 13215

2017 Lourdes Rosa-Carrasquillo, Esq., Director of Advocacy/Community Organizer, Center for Independence of the Disabled, 17 Gates Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042

Current or former applicant/recipient of vocational rehabilitation services

2017 Shain Anderson, Kew Gardens, New York, NY 11415

Representative of business, industry, and labor

2017 Craig Wolfson, Esq., Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, 44 Manhattan Avenue,
Westbury, NY 11590

Representative of Transition Educational Services

2017 Tonya Robinson-Mayer, Partners in Transition Coordinator, Champlain Valley
Educational Services, CV-TEC, 194, US Oval, Suite 228, Plattsburgh, NY 12903

Representatives of community rehabilitation program service providers

2018 Chad Underwood, COO, Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc., 26
North Main St., Cortland, NY 13045

2018 Michael Godino, Vision Services for the Blind, 104 Tilrose Ave, Malverne, NY
11565

Representatives of business, industry, and labor

2018 Howard Gross, President, E-Biz Docs, 85 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204

2018 Martha Jackson, Disability Employment & Business Relations, Mayor's Office for
People with Disabilities, 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10038

Current or former applicant/recipient of vocational rehabilitation services

2018 Jennifer M. Machucki, 1410 Maple Road, Williamsville, New York 14221

Representative of disability advocacy groups

2019 Paul Czech, Esq., Paul Czech & Associates, 107 Ridge Lane, Waltham, MA
02452

**Representative of a Parent Training and Information Center established pursuant
to the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA)**

2019 Helene Fallon, Project Coordinator, Long Island Parent Center (LIPC), 720
Northern Blvd. Brookville, NY 11548

Representative of business, industry, and labor

2019 Deborah Croce, Business Consultant, New York, NY 10019

Representative of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) (ongoing)

Erica Molina, Coordinator, NYS Client Assistance Program, Disability Advocates, Inc. 5
Clinton Square, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207

Representative of the State Workforce Investment Board (ongoing)

Alan Gallagher, Division of Employment & Workforce Solutions, NYS Department of Labor (DOL), State Office Campus, Albany, NY 12240

Ex-Officio Members (ongoing)

Julie Hovey, Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, NYS Commission for the Blind (NYSCB), 843 Union Ave, 2nd Fl., New Windsor, NY 12553

Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, Director, Employment & Meaningful Community Activities, NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), 44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Liam McNabb, Director of the Rehabilitation Services, NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), 44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Lisa Rosano-Kaczowski, Director, TRAIID/AH Programs, NYS Justice Center, 161 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York 12054