TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Kevin G. Smith

SUBJECT: Appointments to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

DATE: November 18, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S): [Signature]

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC). Should the Regents approve the proposed appointments and reappointments of members to NYSILC?

Reason(s) for Consideration

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act require the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

Proposed Handling

This item will come before the Full Board at its December 2012 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 and a list of the entire NYSILC is noted in Attachment 2.
**Recommendation**

**VOTED:** that Nicole David be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015.

**VOTED:** that Robert Gumson be appointed for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014.

**VOTED:** that Lynn Drucker, Susan Gray, Carla Lewis-Irizarry, and David Whalen be reappointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015.

**Timetable for Implementation**

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2013.

Attachments
New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.
(New Appointments)

ACCES is recommending two new appointments and four reappointments resulting from expiring terms of existing members.

**Nicole David**
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- Provides culturally appropriate services in a qualitative manner to Native American Indians with disabilities.
- Program Manager, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Member, Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation.
- Member, New York State Rehabilitation Council.
- Completed emergency preparedness work for the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation.

**Robert M. Gumson**
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- Has been ACCES-VR’s Manager of Independent Living Services since January 1992.
- Served as ACCES-VR Ex-Officio representative to NYSILC previously from 1998 through 2009.
- Has developed and implemented numerous statewide independent living projects to improve the quality of life for thousands of New Yorkers with disabilities.
New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.  
(Term Expirations)

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