



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Kevin G. Smith *Kevin G. Smith*
SUBJECT: Appointment to the New York State Rehabilitation Council

DATE: June 10, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S):

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

A midyear vacancy has occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Board of Regents approval of proposed appointment.

Reason(s) for Consideration

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, require the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Governor Cuomo has re-designated administration of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) from the former New York State Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (CQCAPD) to Disability Advocates Incorporated (DAI). The CAP provides individual and systems advocacy services on behalf of ACCES-VR consumers of service and is a federally mandated member of the SRC.

Proposed Handling

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Procedural History

Typically, the Board of Regents approves recommendations to fill vacancies on an annual basis at the December Board of Regents meeting. Governor Cuomo's midyear re-designation of a new organization to administer the Client Assistance Program (CAP) has necessitated approval by the Board of Regents at this time.

Background Information

Information on the proposed appointee is noted in Attachment 1.

Recommendation

VOTED: that Erica Molina, the newly designated Statewide CAP Coordinator, be appointed for an ongoing term beginning upon approval by the Board of Regents.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidate, the appointment will be effective as of June 18, 2013.

Attachment

Attachment 1

New York State Rehabilitation Council (New Appointment for the term August 1, 2013 - ongoing)

Representative of the Client Assistance Program (CAP):

Erica Molina, J.D.

Disability Advocates, Inc.
5 Clinton Square, 3rd Floor
Albany, NY 12207

- Current Statewide CAP Coordinator
- Coordinate New York's Client Assistance Program; Supervise individual CAP advocates throughout the state; Provide legal support to advocates; Represent CAP at the SRC meetings
- *Member*, National Association for Law Students with Disabilities (NALSWD)