



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Kevin G. Smith *KG Smith*
SUBJECT: Appointments to the New York State Rehabilitation Council
DATE: December 9, 2013

AUTHORIZATION(S):

John B. J. G.
SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

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

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).

Proposed Handling

Consent agenda item for approval to the Board of Regents at the December 2013 full Board 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 SRC is noted in Attachment 2.

Recommendation

VOTE: That Deborah Croce, Paul Czech, Helene Fallon, James Moody, Patrick Pascarella, John Robinson and Lois Tannenbaum, be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2016.

VOTE: That Mira Bowin, LaWanda Cook, Sophie McDermott and Erica Molina be re-appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2016.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2014.

Attachments

Attachment 1

**New York State Rehabilitation Council
(New Appointments for the term January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016)**

Representatives of the Disability Advocates Groups:

Paul Czech, Esq.

23 Fox Run Road
Bedford, MA 01730
(518) 203-1036

Founder/Owner, Paul Czech & Associates; New York, Massachusetts, Philadelphia

- Strategic Business Development Consultant with a proven track record of achievement in developing, maintaining and growing strategic relationships across many industries and markets
- Accomplished attorney with over 18 years of experience
- Hearing Loss Association of America – Albany Chapter – Spearheading Loop Initiative
- Boys and Girls Club of America, Area Council for Northeast New York
- Supportive team player with strong interpersonal skills

Helene Fallon

P.O. Box 2143
Montauk, NY 11954
(516) 815-5659

Project Coordinator, LI Parent Technical Assistance Center

- Passionate systems advocate for advancing collaborations between schools and families
- Co-facilitator, New York Learning Community on Family and School Collaboration
- Extensive training in advocacy for children and young adults with disabilities
- Graduate of the NYSDDPC (NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council) Partners in Policy Making
- Parent of two children with disabilities

Lois Tannenbaum, Ph.D.

163 Heather Circle
Newburgh, NY 12550
(845) 527-7913

Director, Tri-Regional Brain Injury Program

- Psychologist, Teacher and Certified Brain Injury Specialist
- Connects individuals with brain injury & caregivers to services that support health, education, and employment issues
- Assists educators in planning and the development of inclusive learning environments
- Facilitates monthly support groups for caregivers/family members
- Brain Injury Association Executive Committee Chairperson

- Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley Board Member & Education Trainer

Representative of Community Rehabilitation Service Providers:

James Moody, Th.M.

P.O. Box 452
Lyndonville, NY 14098
(585) 735-5566

Director, Independent Living of Genesee Region

- Innovative systems advocate to expand services and drive inclusion for all people with disabilities
- Manages a Social Security Ticket to Work and other employment programs.
- Certified ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Trainer
- Developed and manages a Self-Advocacy Center to teach individuals with disabilities how to advocate for their own needs

Representative of Business, Industry and Labor:

Deborah Croce

133 Parrott Road
West Nyack, NY 10994
(917) 650-1741

Director of Human Resources, The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park

- Implementation of policies, training and development, employee relations, and labor relations
- Awarded New York State Stars of Industry Outstanding Manager of the Year
- Mentor for Murry Bergrtraum High School for Business Careers

John Robinson

19 Timber Lane,
Glenmont, NY 12077
(518) 429-9256

CEO, Our Ability Inc.

- Provides human resource consulting for companies and individuals interested in developing an inclusive workforce
- Mentor, connect and inspire people with disabilities to achieve their educational and employment dreams
- Advocate for people with disabilities with the Disability Education Forum of New York
- Honored with Excelsior College President's Award for Advocacy
- Subject of "Get Off Your Knees: The John Robinson Story"

Representative of NYS Department of Labor Workforce Investment Board

Patrick Pascarella

8 Andriana Lane
Albany, NY 12204

Work Phone 457-0364

- NYS Department of Labor, Division of Employment & Workforce Solutions
Supervisor – Special Populations Unit
- Administrative oversight for Disability Employment Initiative, Young Adult Ex-Offender, and Student Internship Opportunities.
- Participation on interagency disability-related workgroups including NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, ACCES-VR, OPWDD, OMH, and AIDS Institute
- Team member for Governor's initiatives Pay for Success, Work for Success, and the Olmstead Cabinet.
- Liaison to DOL executive staff involving the One-Stop system and serving customers with disabilities or customers who are ex-offenders.

Attachment 2

**State Rehabilitation Council
(Term Expirations)**

Representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council (NYSILC)

2015 Chad Underwood, COO, Access to Independence of Cortland County, Inc., 26 North Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045

Representative of the Client Assistance Program (CAP)

2016 Erica Molina, Esq., Director, NYS Client Assistance Program, Disability Advocates, Inc., 5 Clinton Square, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207

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

2014 Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Executive Director, United We Stand of New York, 91 Harrison Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Certified vocational rehabilitation counselors

2014 Tamar Asedo-Sherman, Employment Specialist, UCP Suffolk, 250 Marcus Boulevard, Hauppauge, NY 11788

2016 LaWanda H. Cook, M.S., CRC, 317-A Troy Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Representatives of community rehabilitation program service providers

2014 Michael Irwin, Program Director, Greater Syracuse Works, 516 Burt Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

2014 Fredda Rosen, Executive Director, Job Path, 22 West 38th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10018

2015 Bill Schultz, People Inc., 1219 North Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14231

Representatives of business, industry, and labor

2014 Craig Wolfson, Esq., Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, 44 Manhattan Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

2015 Martha Jackson, Goodwill NY/NJ, 210 West 101st Street, New York, NY 10025

Representatives of disability advocacy groups

2014 Gregory Bell, Executive Director, Insight for New Housing, 905 Eagle Avenue, Apt. #4M, Bronx, NY 10456

2015 Patricia Dowse, Chief Operating Officer, New York State Rehabilitation Association, 203 Shereen Court, Schenectady, NY 12304

2014 Roger Purdy, Director, Disability Support Services, LeMoyne College, 4158 Cherrywood Drive, Syracuse, NY 13215

2014 Cynthia C. Printup-Harms, OAHIO Director, 3108 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214-1384

2014 Lourdes Rosa-Carrasquillo, Esq., Director of Advocacy/Community Organizer, Center for Independence of the Disabled, 17 Gates Avenue, 2nd Floor, Montclair, NJ 07042

2015 Beatrice Schmidt, 150 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218

Current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services

2016 Mira L. Bowin, 230 Hawleys Corners Road, Highland, NY 12528

2014 Shameka Andrews, 646 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202

Representative of Native American Projects (Section 121)

2014 Nicole David, Administrative Assistant, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, P.O. Box 362, Rooseveltown, NY 13683

Representative of the state educational agency responsible for the public education of students with disabilities who are eligible to receive services

2016 Sophie McDermott, New York State Education Department, Special Education, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234

Continuing Ex-Officio

MaryAnn Van Alstyne, Associate Rehabilitation Counselor, New York State Office of Children and Family Services, NYS Commission for the Blind (NYSCB), Capital View Office Park, South Building, Room 201, 52 Washington Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144

Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229

Jill Dorsi, LCSW, Bureau of Program Coordination & Support, NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH), 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229

Anna Lobosco, Ph.D., DD Program Development Specialist IV, NY Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY