



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Kevin G. Smith *KG Smith*
SUBJECT: Appointment to the New York State Rehabilitation Council
DATE: February 2, 2017
AUTHORIZATION(S): *Mary Ellen Elin*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Should the Board of Regents approve of proposed appointment 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

Consent agenda item for approval to the Board of Regents at the February 13, 2017 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 appointee is noted in Attachment 1.

Related Regent's Items

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1216brca1.pdf>

Recommendation

VOTE: That Ellice Switzer be appointed as voting member for a term beginning February 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.

Timetable for Implementation

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidate, the appointment will go into effect February 13, 2017.

Attachments

Attachment 1

**New York State Rehabilitation Council
(New Appointment for term February 13, 2017 to December 31, 2019)**

Representative of business, industry, and labor

Ellice Switzer
Extension Support Specialist II
ILR School, Yang Tang Institute
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14850

- Provider of national and statewide technical assistance and training on issues pertaining to disability and employment
- Developed information and resources to assist practitioners, educators, and school districts to leverage multi-system initiatives which advantage jobseekers with disabilities, including transition age youth
- Facilitates knowledge translation efforts via direct consultation/training, web content, blog posts, and social media aimed at employers, service providers and other stakeholders, across projects and disability and employment-related content areas including employer practices.

Attachment 2

**State Rehabilitation Council
(Term Expirations – December 31)**

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

2019 Melissa Campbell, Owner, Creator, Ultra Hoops & Wellness, Buffalo, NY 14213

Representative of community rehabilitation program service providers

2019 Yvette Goorevitch, Director of Special and Alternative Education, City School District of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY 10804

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

2019 Lindsay Miller, Executive Director, New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL), Albany, NY 12208

Representative of Native American Vocational Rehabilitation Program

2019 Melissa Schindler, Director, Seneca Nation Department of Employment and Training, Seneca Nation of Indians, Irving, NY 14081

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