

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2001-173
November 30, 2001

SUBJECT: Establishment and Appointments - District of Columbia State
Rehabilitation Council

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Code, 2001 Ed § 1-204.22(2) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Mayor's Order 93-149, dated September 29, 1993, and Mayor's Order 97-100, dated May 28, 1997, are hereby rescinded in their entirety, and it is further **ORDERED** that:

I. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established, in the Government of the District of Columbia, a District of Columbia State Rehabilitation Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council").

II. PURPOSE

The Council, with the Administrator of the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the District of Columbia Department of Human Services, jointly develops, agrees to, and reviews goals and priorities on the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities in the District of Columbia.

III. FUNCTIONS

The Council shall:

- a. Review, analyze, and advise the Administrator regarding the performance of the responsibilities of the state agency relating to eligibility (including order of selection);
- b. Review, analyze and advise the Administrator on the extent, scope and effectiveness of services provided;

- c. Advise the Administrator on the functions performed by the Rehabilitation Services Administration that affect or that potentially affect the ability of individuals with disabilities in achieving employment outcomes;
- d. Advise the Administrator regarding activities to be carried out, and assist in the preparation of the State Plan and amendments to the plan, and required applications, reports, needs assessments and evaluations;
- e. Coordinate with other councils within the District of Columbia including, but not limited to, the Statewide Independent Living Council, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Advisory Panel, State Mental Health Planning Council, State Developmental Disabilities Council and State Workforce Investment Council;
- f. Facilitate working relationships between the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the Statewide Independent Living Council, and the Center for Independent Living;
- g. Develop, review and agree to the Administration's goals and priorities in partnership with the Administrator;
- h. To the extent feasible, conduct a review and analysis of the effectiveness of, and consumer satisfaction with, vocational rehabilitation services in the District of Columbia;
- i. Prepare and submit an annual report to the Mayor and the Commissioner, U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration on the status of vocational rehabilitation programs in the District of Columbia;
- j. Hold hearings and public forums as the Council may determine to be necessary to carry out the duties of the Council; and
- k. Perform other related duties consistent with the purpose of Title I as the Council deems appropriate.

IV. COMPOSITION

- A. The Council will be composed of at least 21 members, not including ex-officio members. The Council will include individuals with disabilities; parents, family members and guardians of individuals with disabilities; and at least one representative from each of the following:

1. Statewide Independent Living Council;
2. Client assistance program;
3. Parent training and information center;
4. Community rehabilitation program service providers;
5. At least four representatives of business industry and labor;
6. Representatives of disability advocacy groups representing a cross section of individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities and representatives of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty representing themselves; and
7. Current or former applicants for or recipients of vocational rehabilitation services.

B. At least one representative of the State Workforce Investment Council.

C. Ex-officio members shall include the Administrator of the Vocational Rehabilitation Agency or a designee and at least one qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor.

V. TERMS

Members of the Council shall be appointed to 3-years terms, except that of the first members appointed under this Order, one-third shall be appointed for 3-years from the date a majority of the first members are installed, one-third shall be appointed for 2-years from the date a majority of the first members are installed and one-third shall be appointed for 1-year from the date a majority of the first members are installed. A member who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an un-expired term, shall serve for the remainder of that term. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Council. No member of the Council may serve more than two consecutive full terms.

VI. ORGANIZATION

The Council shall determine its own organizational structure, rules and procedures, establish appropriate subcommittees and task forces and issue its own by-laws. The Council must convene at least (4) four meetings per year.

VII. ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Human Services, Rehabilitation Services Administration, shall provide administrative support.

VIII. COMPENSATION

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. However, members of the Council will be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses of attending Council meetings and performing Council duties when authorized in advance by the Administrator of the Rehabilitation Services Administration. Such expenses shall become obligations against funds designated for those purposes.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

- A. The following persons are appointed as members of the Council for terms to end 3-years from the date a majority of the first members are sworn-in:

JOSEPH R. COONEY, representing the client assistance program;

CAROLE W. BROWN, representing a disability advocacy group;

RICHARD ALLEN SIMMS, representing the Independent Living Council;

GENNI SASNETT and MARY LOU MECCARIELLO, representing community rehabilitation program service providers;

CLIFFORD V. THORNE, representing small business industry;

THERESA N. TRAVIS, representing the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities; and

- **WESLEY W. VINNER**, representing former applicants for vocational rehabilitation services.

- B. The following persons are appointed as members of the Council for terms to end 2-years from the date a majority of the first members are sworn-in:

LAVONNE C. CHAMBERS, representing qualified rehabilitation counselors;

DONNA R. WALTON, representing community rehabilitation program service providers;

VERONICA B. HOLT, representing small business industry;

BILL HAIG, advocate for people with disabilities; and

PIERPONT M. MOBLEY, representing business and industry.

- C. The following persons are appointed as members of the Council for a term to end 1-year from the date a majority of the first members are sworn-in:

CRIS COVELLI, Ph.D., representing small business;

DARNISE M. HENRY BUSH and JODY M. WILDY, representing individuals with disabilities; and

MARGARET LAKE-YOUNG, representing parent training and information center.

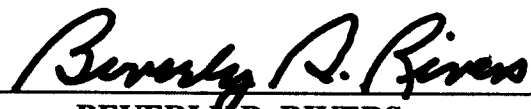
- D. **ELIZABETH B. PARKER** or her designee, is appointed as an ex-officio member of the Council, representing the Department of Human Services, Rehabilitation Services Administration, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

- E. **CLIFFORD V. THORNE** is selected as Chairperson by the members of the Council.

X. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall become effective immediately.


ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
BEVERLY D. RIVERS
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA