



**TO:** Roger Breed, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Mark Schultz, Director, Nebraska VR

**SUBJECT:** Notification of Vacancies on the Nebraska State Independent Living Council

**Proposed Board Action:**

Notification of vacancies on the Nebraska State Independent Living Council

**Background Information:**

Three vacancies exist on the Nebraska State Independent Living Council (NESILC). For the NESILC to be in compliance with the Rehabilitation Act, these vacancies are to be filled with people who experience a disability. See attached Notice of Actual/Pending Vacancies for the purpose of the SILC, composition requirements, current membership, and additional information. Persons interested in serving are invited to apply by completing an application.

**Estimated Cost:**

N/A

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Notice of Actual/Pending Vacancies

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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## Notice of Actual/Pending Vacancies on the Nebraska State Independent Living Council

- (A) The Nebraska State Independent Living Council was created by Public Law 93-112 and amended in Section 705 of the 1998 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- (B) The purpose of the State Independent Living Council is to support Independent Living for citizens with disabilities in Nebraska.
- (C) The following composition is required by the 1998 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 when choosing the membership of the State Independent Living Council:
1. The majority of voting NESILC membership shall consist of individuals with disabilities who not are employed by a CIL or by any state agency, including agencies which provide services to persons experiencing disabilities.
  2. One director of a Center for Independent Living chosen by the directors of centers for independent living will be included on the NESILC as required under the Act.
  3. A representative from the DSUs will be included as nonvoting, ex officio members and will be chosen by their respective agencies.
  4. The remaining voting members may be appointed to represent family members with disabilities and other groups concerned with independent living services for individuals experiencing a significant barrier to independent living due to a disability.
- (D) Following is a list of current State Independent Living Council members, their terms, expiration dates, and the category which they represent, if any:
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| Tim Kolb         | Consumer                                     | September, 2013 |
| Doug Stewart     | Consumer                                     | September, 2013 |
| Joni Thomas      | CIL Representative                           | September, 2012 |
| Steve Walline    | Consumer                                     | September, 2013 |
| Judie Moorehouse | Consumer                                     | June, 2015      |
| Brad Meurrens    | NAS, advocate                                | September, 2013 |
| CJ Zimmer        | Consumer                                     | September, 2013 |
| Sarah Swanson    | Family Member                                | September, 2015 |
| Bob Deaton       | NE Comm, for the Blind and Visually Impaired | September, 2013 |
| Don Crouch       | Nebraska VR                                  | September, 2015 |
| David Altman     | ATP  | September, 2013 |
- (E) Decisions on who will be selected to serve on the State Independent Living Council will be made on the basis of geographic representation and the need for a majority of Council members to be people who experience a disability. Council members whose terms expire are eligible to reapply to serve for a full three year term.
- (F) The State Board of Education will be asked to fill vacancies at the Board of Education meeting on October 12, 2012. If Board members know of any interested persons who would like to apply to serve on the State Independent Living Council, please contact Kathy Hoell 402-438-7979.