NEVADA STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL (NSRC) ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

At Work for Disability Inclusion

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)
&
The Bureau of Services for Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired (BSBVI)
Vision Statement
A skilled and inclusive Nevada workforce.

Mission Statement
Actively engaging with Nevada businesses to understand their employment needs; and creating innovative programs that develop the strengths, priorities and talents of individuals with disabilities; ensuring that Nevada works for everyone.

- Our goal is competitive, integrated employment for people with disabilities that meets the needs of Nevada's employers.
- 41.1% of people with disabilities in Nevada, aged 21-64 are employed

(Cornell University 2017 Disability Status Report)

Why Vocational Rehabilitation Matters?

78.6% of those without disabilities are Employed
41.1% with disabilities are employed

327,139 working age Nevadans with disabilities (ages 21-64)

Over 58% of working age Nevadans with disabilities are unemployed compared to only 21% of those without.

Of all individuals with disability who are employed over 71% do not have full time status.

FT EMPLOYMENT

Individuals without disability 60.1%

Individuals with disability

Unemployed 28.1%
Why Vocational Rehabilitation Matters?

People with disabilities constitute the nation's largest minority group as well as the ONLY group that any one of us can become a member of at any time.

**Poverty Rate**
- Individuals without disability: 10%
- With disability: 24%

Of working Nevadans with disability one quarter lives in poverty.

Locations/ Staffing

13 Offices Statewide
Most co-located within Job Connect Offices
130 Employees Statewide
48 Rehabilitation Counselors Statewide and Majority Hold Master's Degrees and are Certified Rehabilitation Counselors (CRC)
Caseloads average about 80 cases

Most consumers pay nothing for VR services

However, we do apply a needs test which mandates financial participation for income exceeding 250% of the poverty level.

The individual has a physical or mental impairment, diagnosed by qualified medical professional

The impairment results in a substantial impediment to employment

The individual requires VR services to secure employment

Eligibility
Eligibility

- The individual can benefit from services, and
- They are able to legally work in the U.S.
- If receiving Social Security benefits for disability, presumptive eligibility

Process to Receive Services

- Submit application
- Complete Intake
- Eligibility Determination made within 60 days
- Participate in Vocational and other Assessments
- Consumer and Counselor discuss employment goal and create plan to achieve it – Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) within 90 days
Flow of a Case

Application and Intake

Eligibility within 60 days

Assessment of vocational needs

Ineligible Case Closure

Develop and sign Indiv. Plan for Employment (IPE) (90 days)

Provision of Services

Job Ready

Successful Case Closure

Employed for 90 days

Assessments of job skills & abilities

Career Counseling & Guidance

Community-Based Assessments & On-The-Job paid training

Vocational training, certificate programs, college education

Licenses, tools, equipment, uniforms & supplies for work

Orientation & Mobility Training

Some Customary Services
Assistive Technology for the workplace

Physical and Mental "Restoration" (ex. physical therapy, cataract surgery, dental, hearing aids, low vision clinic)

Interpreters

Job coaches

Job Development & Job Retention services

Additional Customary Services

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) and its effect on BVR and BSBVI

At Work for Disability Inclusion
WIOA
Signed into law July 22, 2014

This legislation and its implementing regulations are designed to strengthen and improve the nation's public workforce development system and help Americans with significant barriers to employment, including individuals with disabilities into high quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers.

WIOA CORE PROGRAMS

- Title I (U.S. Department of Labor)
  Workforce Development and One-Stop System
- Title II (U.S. Department of Education)
  Adult Education and Family Literacy Act program
- Title III (U.S. Department of Labor)
  Wagner-Peyser Employment Service program,
  ESD
- Title IV (U.S. Department of Education)
  State Vocational Rehabilitation Services program
WIOA

- Amendments to the Rehab Act of 1973
  - Definitions
  - Common Performance Measures
  - Unified State Plan
  - IPE timeline changes
  - Training & Services to Employers
  - Pre-Employment Transition Services
  - Subminimum Wage
  - Supported Employment

Definitions

**Student** - Up to age 22; and eligible for or receiving Special Education Services under IDEA, or meeting definition as person with a disability under Rehabilitation Act, Section 504, and participating in or enrolled in educational program.

**Youth** - Up to age 24

**Competitive Integrated Employment** - Minimum wage or higher, and at location where employee interacts with others to the same extent as someone without a disability interacts in the workplace.
Common Performance Measures

1. % in unsubsidized employment during the 2nd quarter after exit
2. % in unsubsidized employment during the 4th quarter after exit
3. Median earnings during the 22nd quarter after exit
4. % who obtain a recognized postsecondary credential or diploma or equivalent within one year of program exit
5. % that are in an education program that leads to a postsecondary credential and who achieve measurable skill gains
6. Effectiveness in serving employers

15% of Section 110 grant funds in reserve

Federal Funds only (no restriction on matching funds)  May not include administrative costs

Pre-Employment Transition Services

5 Required Activities for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and

9 Authorized Activities
Pre-Employment Transition Services
5 Required Activities

Does Not Require an Open Case with VR:

1. Job Exploration Counseling
2. Counseling regarding postsecondary education and training programs
3. Instruction in Self-Advocacy
4. Work-Based Learning Experiences
5. Workplace Readiness training (social skills and independent living skills)

Sub-Minimum Wage

- Requires Youth to apply for VR services; have an IPE; work toward employment for a "reasonable period of time;" receive Career Counseling, Information & Referral service
- VR must document these services & provide to consumer
- VR must provide follow-up information & referrals at intervals of 6 months the first year, and annually thereafter
- Adults and those already in sub-min. wage jobs - VR must provide info. & referrals annually & maintain records of this
BVR and BSBVI Funding Sources

How is Vocational Rehabilitation Funded?

- State General Fund
- Federal Grant Interagency Transfers and Costs Allocation
- Federal Program Income
- Third Party Cooperative Arrangement (TFCA) Match

21.3% Non-federal Match  78.7% Federal Basic VR Grant
Sources of Matching Funds

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Federal Funds Reallotted

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For every $1 invested in VR there is a $2.96 savings for taxpayers over the life of a client.

For every General Fund dollar invested, the State saves $16.73 over the life of a client.

Dollars are returned to the state in terms of increased taxes and decreased benefits from public programs.

Non-Federal Match Structure

- 21.3% Non-Federal Match
- 78.7% Federal Basic VR Grant
- TPSC Self Match 11%
- BEN Self Match 28%
- General Fund 58%
Partnerships with Nevada Employers

Top Five Industry Jobs in Nevada

- Sales and Service Workers
- Stock and Material Movers
- Clerical / Administrative Support
- Food Service Workers
- Health Care / Medical Industry

Average Wage in FFY 19: $13.00
Collaborations with Businesses

- BVR provides Disability 101 training to Employer
- BVR funds soft skills instruction
- BVR may fund candidates’ wages during on-the-job training or internships opportunities through 3rd party staffing agency
- Employer provides work locations in Nevada, and specific job training and expertise

SEPHORA

Training to Employment Program:
Sephora Distribution Center-Las Vegas
Nine week training program on site;
  One week of soft skills and
  Eight weeks on-the-job training, specific to positions within Sephora’s distribution center
  Warehouse functions, Order Pick, Order Put & Order Pack
Sephora’s commitment is that 30% of its full-time staff will be people who have a disability
VR funds the Trainer/Instructor position through Capabilities, Health and Human Services
Sephora pays the wages to consumers during the training program
A Better Bottom Line

- VR offers employers access to a large talent pool of qualified individuals with disabilities
- Cost savings to employers
- Recruitment and Retention Services
- Workplace Accessibility
- Education and Training on Disability Issues
- Partnerships/apprenticeships/on-the-job training

- "It makes great business sense to hire folks with disabilities."
- "It can be a smooth and efficient and effective operation, and you have a dedicated, excellent employee within your ranks."
  - Jennifer McCloskey, Bureau of Reclamation Deputy Regional Dir.

"Partners with disabilities who work in the plant have had the highest attendance and best performance in the building and enhance the work culture."

"The program has opened a lot of eyes at the Starbucks facility. Supervisors and partners took past disabilities and realize we all have different abilities in the workplace."
  - Todd McCullough, Starbucks Senior Operations Manager

"It makes me feel good to come to a job that supports diversity and inclusion and then seeing the benefits of doing so."
  - Carlos Lopez Leon, Office Depot Store Manager
NSRC Members' Responsibilities:
- Apply and receive appointment by the Governor
- Specific representatives, as outlined in CFRs and in Bylaws
- Can include other/additional individuals
- Attend quarterly meetings
- Volunteer for subcommittees
- Assist with filling member vacancies
- Refrain from voting on any matter that would be a conflict of interest
NSRC Members' Responsibilities:

- Ensure understanding of Nevada's
  Open Meeting Law and Robert's Rules
  for public meetings
- Ensure understanding of By-Laws
- Ensure understanding of Title 34 CFR
  361.16 & 361.17
- Jointly submit an Annual Report

NSRC Members' Responsibilities:

- Jointly develop and review annually
  VR's program goals and priorities,
  strategies and performance measures
  for the State Plan submission
- Assist with reports & Needs
  Assessment
- Review and analyze consumer
  satisfaction (survey instrument)
NSRC Members' Responsibilities:

- Provide consultation to VR in developing, implementing and revising VR policies & procedures
- Review VR's performance related to eligibility; extent, scope & effectiveness of services; and ability of the VR program to accomplish its mission

Field Offices

Las Vegas JobConnect - 3405 S. Maryland Parkway - (702)486-0100
One-Stop - 6330 W. Charleston, Ste. 190, Las Vegas - (702)822-4214
Henderson JobConnect - 4500 E. Sunset Rd., Suite 40 - (702)486-0300
Southern Main Office - 3016 W. Charleston, #200, LV - (702)486-5230
North Las Vegas JobConnect - 2827 Las Vegas Blvd. N. - (702)486-0200
Carson City JobConnect - 1933 North Carson Street - (775)684-0400
Northern Main Office - 1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno - (775)823-8100
Fallon JobConnect - 121 Industrial Way - (775)423-6568
Ely JobConnect - 1500 Ave. F, Suite 1 - (775)289-1675
Elko JobConnect - 172 - 6th St. - (775)753-1931
Winnemucca JobConnect - 475 W. Haskell St., Suite 2 - (775)623-6544
Reno JobConnect - 4001 S. Virginia St., Suite H-1 - (775)284-9600
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January 2020, Jessica Jolly from Sephora applied for Business & Industry seat.
State of Nevada  
Nevada State Rehabilitation Council  
Bylaws  
Revised November 3, 2016

Article I

Name, Geographic Coverage, Administration, Composition, Appointment, Qualifications, Terms of Appointment, Vacancies, and Recruitment.

Section 1. Name. The name of the organization shall be Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (referred to hereafter as the Council).

Section 2. Geographic Coverage. The Council shall cover the entire State of Nevada.

Section 3. Administration. The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (referred to hereafter as the Department), Rehabilitation Division (referred to hereafter as the Division), will provide administrative support to the Council. The Director of the Department shall appoint the Administrator to the Rehabilitation Division in accordance with established protocol or policies developed by the Department. Other staff may be employed as authorized by the State Legislature.

Section 4. Composition. Council membership shall be composed of but not limited to:

A. At least one representative of the statewide Independent Living Council established under section 705 of the Rehabilitation Amendments of 1998, such representative may be the Chair or other designee of the Statewide Independent Living Council;

B. At least one representative of a parent training and information center established pursuant to section 682 (a) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (as added by section 101 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997; Public Law 105-17);

C. At least one representative of the Client Assistance Program established under 34 CFR part 370 of the Rehabilitation Act;

D. At least one qualified Division rehabilitation counselor, with knowledge of and experience with vocational rehabilitation programs, who shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of The Council. (This position may be rotated among Rehabilitation Counselors to assure full representation and dissemination of information.)

E. At least one representative of community rehabilitation program service providers;
F. At least four representatives of business, industry and labor;

G. Two representatives of disability advocacy groups representing a cross section of:
   a. Individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory and mental disabilities; and representatives of individuals.
   b. Representatives of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty in representing themselves or are unable to represent themselves due to their disabilities.

H. Current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services;

I. One representative of the director of projects, American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services;

J. At least one representative of the State of Nevada Department of Education, which is responsible for the public education of students with disabilities who are eligible to receive services under Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act, in which is Title I of the Rehabilitation Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act);

K. At least one representative of the State Workforce Development Board;

L. The Division Administrator as ex officio, non-voting member.

M. The membership may include other individuals or categories who/which, as determined by the Council, might contribute to the employability of individuals with disabilities.

Section 5. Appointment. Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor after the Council solicits recommendations from representatives of organizations representing a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in individuals with disabilities. In recruiting members, the Council shall consider, to the greatest extent practicable, the extent to which minority populations are represented on the Council.

Section 6. Qualifications. Council members must meet the requirements of 34 CFR Part 361.17. A majority of Council members must be individuals with disabilities who are not employed by the designated state unit or persons who represent service provider organizations for people with disabilities.

For the purposes of Council membership, an “individual with a disability” is anyone who:
A. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities;

B. Has a record of having such impairment; or

C. Is regarded as having such an impairment.

Section 7. Terms of Appointment. No member of the Council other than a representative of the Client Assistance Program (CAP), the Division Administrator and the representative from the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services programs funded under part C, may serve more than two, full consecutive terms. This exception is in recognition of possible limited staff associated with these programs. 34 CFR Part 361.17 (e) (1).

Except as set forth in subsections A and B below, each member of the Council may serve for a maximum of two, full consecutive terms. A term of appointment may be up to three years.

A. A member who has served the maximum number of terms may be reappointed to the Council, after a meaningful break in service has passed. However, he or she cannot be re-appointed to the same membership slot previously filled. For these purposes a meaningful break of service is defined as a minimum of three years.

B. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which a predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term; and then additionally be eligible to serve for a maximum of one, full term.

For the initial appointment of the Council, the Governor shall set terms so as to provide for term expiration on a staggered basis.

Section 8. Vacancies

A. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Council.

Section 9. Recruitment

A. NSRC support staff will maintain a list of member categories as required under the Rehabilitation Act. Those categories will be posted on the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) website.

B. In anticipation of a vacancy at the end of a given member’s term or upon the resignation of a member, the category vacancy will be posted on the DETR website and appropriate outreach to stakeholders will take place.
C. Members will actively recruit to fill their own membership category prior to the end of their terms.

D. Applications for Council membership will be provided upon request. When appropriate, the application link (http://gov.nv/Boards/Vacancies/) or physical application will be shared with potential members.

Article II

Meetings, Attendance, Elections and Officers, Quorums, Rules of Order, Hearings and Forums, Public Notice and Accessibility, Committees, and Expenses

Section 1. Meetings. The Council shall convene four meetings a year at least one meeting per quarter, per year and other meetings as determined necessary by the Council to conduct Council business, forums or hearings.

Section 2. Required Attendance. All members of the Council serve for terms certain and at the pleasure of the Governor. However, members should be responsible for upholding their duties and their regular attendance at meetings. Members must notify the council liaison or chair of they cannot attend a meeting. Failure to attend any three consecutive meetings in a rolling twelve (12) month period during a term of office may result in removal by the Governor for lack of participation.

Section 3. Elections. Elections shall be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the State fiscal year. Council members will nominate and elect officers to the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair from its members eligible to vote. Voting members of the Council may serve as Chair or Vice-Chair. If Co-Chairs are elected, the Council will define and publish in its minutes the duties of each of the officers as are differentiated from Chair and Vice-Chair. The new officers shall take office on the first day of the succeeding State fiscal year. New members shall be required to attend and participate in the Council, New Member Orientation and Training.

Section 4. Duties of Officers. The Chair shall direct all Council business. In addition, the Chair shall be responsible for communication with Division Liaison regarding Agendas, Training and Meeting minutes. The Vice-Chair shall act in the stead of the Chair when the Chairman is not available to fulfill his/her duties. The Vice-Chair shall Chair the State Plan/Needs Assessment Committee.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of its voting and non-voting members exclusive of any vacancies. If a quorum is not present, the Chair may adjourn the meeting, recess the meeting or take measures to obtain a quorum or continue the meeting while not acting on designated “action items”. Where an important opportunity would be lost unless acted upon immediately, the Chair may act in the emergency, consistent with the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Section 7. Hearings and Forums. The Council is authorized to hold such hearings and forums as it may determine necessary to carry out the Council duties.

Section 8. Public Notice and Accessibility. Meetings, hearings and forums shall be noticed and conducted in accordance of Nevada state laws including Nevada Open Meeting Law. Such notice as well as meetings shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

Section 9. Committees. The Council may establish standing committees, and subcommittees, assign responsibilities and allocate resources as necessary to perform the work of the Council. The Council may designate a committee as a “Standing Committee” with a specific purpose and/or time limits.

A. Standing committees will include the State Plan and Assessment Committee.
B. Standing committee Members will be appointed by the Council Chair for a specific purpose and/or time limit.
C. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be ex-officio members of all standing committees.
D. Standing committees will have Council members that represent both rehabilitation and business professionals.
E. Subcommittee members may be appointed from outside Council membership as appropriate at the Chair’s discretion.
F. All committees will adhere to the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
G. Committee meetings will be called at the discretion of the committee Chair.
H. Committees may ask the Council to approve a budget, as may be available.
I. Committee members shall observe Council meeting attendance standards.
J. Standing committees will report to the Council Chair items to be reviewed by the Council. The subcommittee Chair will report to the Standing Committee Chair items to be approved or reviewed by the Council.

Section 10. Per Diem and Expenses. The Council may use funds allocated to it by the Rehabilitation Division under the Act (excepting Section 112 funds) and by the Executive and Legislative Branches of the State of Nevada to reimburse members for reasonable and necessary expenses of attending meetings and performing associated duties (inclusive of current state per diem rates).

Article III

Duties and Responsibilities

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Section 1. Functions of the Council. The Council shall, after consulting with the State Workforce Development Board, perform the following work:

A. Review, analyze and advise the Division regarding the performance of the responsibilities, particularly relating to:

1. Eligibility;
2. The extent, scope and effectiveness of services provided; and
3. Functions performed by the Division regarding the vocational rehabilitation program.

B. In partnership with the Division:

1. Develop, agree to and review the State goals and priorities in accordance with section 101 (a) (15) (c) of the Act; and
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of the vocational rehabilitation program and submit reports of progress to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration in accordance with section 101 (a) (15) (E) of the Act.

C. Advise the Designated State Agency, and the Designated State Unit regarding activities authorized to be carried out under Title I of the Act, and assist in the preparation of the State plan and amendments to it, applications, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations required by Title I of the Act.

D. To the extent feasible, conduct a review and analysis of the effectiveness of, and consumer satisfaction with:

1. Functions performed by the Division.
2. Vocational rehabilitation services provided by the Division and other public and private entities responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities under the Act; and
3. Employment outcomes achieved by eligible individuals receiving services under Title I of the Act, including the availability of health and other employment benefits in connection with such employment outcomes.

E. Develop and coordinate interagency employment policies and practices for people with disabilities and the Department’s efforts with businesses to hire individuals with disabilities.

F. Prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor of Nevada and the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration on the status of vocational rehabilitation programs operated within Nevada and make the report available to the public.

G. To avoid duplication of efforts and enhance the number of individuals served, coordinate activities with other councils within Nevada, including the Statewide Independent Living
Council, the Special Education Advisory, the Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, the State Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council, and the State and local Workforce Development Boards.

H. Provide for coordination and the establishment of working relationships between the Division and the Statewide Independent Living Council and centers for independent living within Nevada.

I. Perform such other functions, consistent with the purpose of Title I of the Act as the Council determines to be appropriate that are consistent with its other functions.

Article IV

Resource Plan, Resolution of Disagreements, Conflict of Interest

Section 1. Resource Plan. The Council shall prepare, in conjunction with the Division, a plan for the provision of resources, including such staff and other personnel as may be necessary and sufficient to carry out the functions of the Council. The resource plan shall, to the maximum extent possible, rely on the use of existing resources during the period of implementation of the plan.

Section 2. Resolution of Disagreements. To the extent that there is a disagreement between the Council and the Division in regard to the resources necessary to carry out the functions of the Council as set forth in this section, the disagreement shall be resolved by the Department Director.

Section 3. Conflict of Interest. While assisting the Council in carrying out its duties, staff and other personnel shall not be assigned duties by the Division or other agency or office of the State that would create a conflict of interest.

A. No member of the Council shall cast a vote on any matter that would provide direct financial benefit to the member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of interest under Nevada law.