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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing the Statewide Independent Living Council

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Statewide Independent Living Council ("the Council").

I. Background and Need

The State of Colorado operates an independent living rehabilitation program funded under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended ("the Act"), and authorized under C.R.S. §§ 26-8.1-101 to 26-8.1-106. Sections 704 and 705 of the Act require the State to establish the Statewide Independent Living Council. The Council acts in partnership with the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to help plan independent living programs in the State.

II. Membership and Organization

A. The Council shall consist of not more than 15 members appointed for three year terms. In accordance with the Act, members may serve no more than two consecutive terms for a total of six years. The Council shall be composed of members who provide statewide representation, who represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in individuals with disabilities.

1. The Council shall include the following:

- a. At least one director of a center for independent living chosen by the directors of centers for independent living within the State; and
- b. A representative from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

2. The Council may include the following:

- a. Other representatives from centers for independent living;

- b. Parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities;
 - c. Advocates of and for individuals with disabilities;
 - d. Representatives from private businesses;
 - e. Representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities;
 - f. Other appropriate individuals.
- B. All members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- C. Pursuant to 20 V.S.C §796(b)(1), the Governor shall make appointments after soliciting recommendations from representatives of organizations representing a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in individuals with disabilities, who meet the eligibility requirements of the Act and comply with the mandated composition of the Council.
- D. A majority of the Council's voting members shall be individuals with disabilities, as described in 29 U.S.C. §705(20)(B), and not employed by any State agency or center for independent living.
- E. The Council shall select a chair from among its voting membership.

III. Duties

The Council shall:

- A. Jointly develop and submit, in conjunction with the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the State Plan for Independent Living Services, as required by C.R.S. §26-8.1-106;
- B. Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan;
- C. Coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other federal law;
- D. Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided;
- E. Submit to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration such periodic reports as the Commissioner may reasonably request; and

F. Keep records that allow the Commissioner to verify such reports.

IV. Directive

The Statewide Independent Living Council is hereby continued without interruption. This Executive Order shall repeal and supersede all previous Executive Orders pertaining to the Statewide Independent Living Council and specifically Executive Orders B 002 04 and B 002 08.

V. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twenty-eighth day of
May, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper", is written over the printed name and title.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor