



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER # 65**

**Relating to the Recreation of the Statewide Independent  
Living Council for Individuals with Disabilities**

WHEREAS, Title VII, Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the 1998 amendments (Public Law 105-220), ("the Act") requires the Governor to establish a Statewide Independent Living Council (the "Council") consistent with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Council coordinates with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, as the designated state unit ("DSU") for independent living services, to promote a philosophy of independent living and empower individuals with disabilities to maximize leadership, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and inclusion and integration into society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Act and the Constitution and laws of the State of Wisconsin, and to ensure compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Public Law 105-220), thereby improving the lives of Wisconsin's individuals with disabilities and independent living systems, it is hereby ordered as follows:

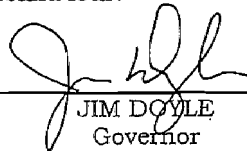
1. The Statewide Independent Living Council for the State of Wisconsin is recreated consisting of eighteen (18) members. The Governor, in accordance with the language of the Act, shall make the final selections and respective appointments to the Council, except where otherwise noted;
2. The Council must include:
  - (a) at least one director of a Center for Independent Living chosen by the directors of centers within the State;
  - (b) at least one representative of the directors of Native American Vocational Rehabilitation programs; and
  - (c) as ex-officio non-voting members, a representative from the DSU and representatives from other state agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities, including the Department of Health and Family Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Commerce/Bureau of Housing;
3. The remaining eighteen (18) Council members may include other representatives from centers for independent living; parents and guardians of individuals with disabilities; advocates of and for individuals with disabilities; representatives from private businesses; representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities; and other appropriate individuals;
4. A majority of the members and a majority of the voting members must be individuals with disabilities, as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 364.4(b), and not employed by any state agency or center;
5. The Council shall be established as a private nonprofit entity incorporated in the State of Wisconsin independent from State government;

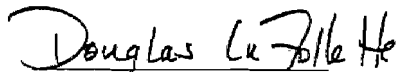
6. Each member shall serve for a term of three years and no member of the Council may serve more than two consecutive full terms. Terms of service of the members initially appointed shall be for such fewer number of years as will provide for the expiration of terms on a staggered basis. A member appointed 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;
7. The Council shall select a chairperson from among the voting membership;
8. State agencies whose duties impact independent living services to people with disabilities shall cooperate with the DSU and Council in complying with the Act; and
9. The Council's duties are set forth under section 705(c) of the Act and shall be the following:
  - a) Jointly develop and sign, in conjunction with the DSU, the State Plan, and submit the State Plan to the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA);
  - b) Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan;
  - c) Coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Council and other councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other Federal law;
  - d) Submit to the Commissioner of RSA such periodic reports as the Commissioner may reasonably request, and keep such records, and afford such access to such records, as the Commissioner finds necessary to verify such reports;
  - e) Prepare, in conjunction with the DSU, a plan for the provision of such resources, including such staff and personnel, as may be necessary and sufficient to carry out the functions of the Council;
  - f) Supervise and evaluate such staff and other personnel, consistent with State and Federal law, as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Council; and
  - g) Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided.



By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixth day of August, in the year two thousand four.

  
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 JIM DOYLE  
 Governor

  
 DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
 Secretary of State