Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (Board) Member
Job Description

BOARD MEMBER’S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
✓ Attend and actively participate in Board meetings and activities.
✓ Actively work on at least one Board committee.
✓ Serve as an advocate for all persons with disabilities needing vocational rehabilitation services.
✓ Advise the Department of Human Services on the employment needs of persons with disabilities.
✓ Provide public comment on South Dakota’s State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment services and rules or policies concerning the vocational rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.
✓ Advise the Division of Rehabilitation Services on program policy and procedure for the distribution of funds for vocational rehabilitation.
✓ Assist the Department of Human Services in evaluating program effectiveness and provide information for state and federal policy makers.
✓ Facilitate the development of new vocational rehabilitation leaders within the state.
✓ Seek out and listen to the ideas, concerns and recommendations of other citizens concerning vocational rehabilitation services.

AUTHORITY:
A Board member has only that authority granted him or her by federal or state statute or by the entire Board body through specific resolution.

VALUES DESIRED:
✓ Commitment to consumer control, meaning that people with disabilities should have control over their lives and decision-making.
✓ Belief in the principle of equal access and equal opportunity.
✓ Commitment to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society, including employment.
✓ Possession of honesty, integrity and respect for the values of others.
✓ Possession of a strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflict of interest and self-dealing.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Knowledge of teamwork
Experience with vocational rehabilitation, business or disability advocacy groups linked with vocational rehabilitation services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
You can reach Board staff, by calling 945-2207 (Pierre) or 1-800-210-0143 (statewide toll free), by writing them at Board of Vocational Rehabilitation; 221 South Central Avenue; Pierre, SD 57501 or by emailing them at colettew@sd-ccd.org.