

**2011 BOARD OF SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (BSBVI)
NOMINATION FORM**

(If additional space is needed, attach one additional page)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Disability (Blind or Visually Impaired): _____ Yes _____ No

Current/Former Consumer of SBVI Services: _____ Yes _____ No

Biographical Sketch: _____

Previous Board, Council or Community Advocacy Experience: _____

Nominated By: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Feel free to duplicate this form
Please Return by Friday, April 8th to:
Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired
Hillsview Plaza 3800 East Hwy 34
C/O 500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Board of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired Member Description

Essential Duties:

1. Attend and actively participate in quarterly Board meetings and activities.
2. Actively work on at least one Board committee.
3. Serve as an advocate for all individuals who are blind or visually impaired needing vocational rehabilitation services.
4. Advise the Department of Human Services on the employment needs of persons with disabilities.
5. Provide public comment on the Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Employment.
6. Provide comment and input on the services, rules or policies concerning the vocational rehabilitation program for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
7. Advise the Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired on program policy and procedures for the distribution of funds for vocational rehabilitation.
8. Assist the Department of Human Services in evaluating program effectiveness and provide information for state and federal policy makers.
9. Facilitate the development of new vocational rehabilitation leaders within the State of South Dakota who are blind or visually impaired.

Authority:

A Board Member of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired has the authority granted him or her by federal or state statute.

Values Desired:

1. Commitment to consumer control, self-advocacy and choice.
2. Belief in the principle of equal access and equal opportunity.
3. Commitment to the full inclusion of individuals who are blind or visually impaired in all aspects of society, including employment.
4. Possession of honesty, integrity, and respect for the values of others.
5. Possession of a strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflict of interest.

Qualifications:

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

Time Commitment (excluding travel time):

32 hours - Board Meetings (8 hours a day, 4 times a year)

20 hours - Board committee meetings, conference calls, town meeting participation

16 hours - Preparation for Board meetings

68 hours annually