**Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

**Special Board Meeting May 11nd, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

Meeting Called to order at 10:20 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance Britt Raubenheimer (chair), Allan Schneider (vice-chair), Sue Walker, and BJ Stinger

ICBVI Staff in Attendance: Mike Walsh, Bailie Weir, Beth Cunningham, and Steve Achabal

**Rules Discussion-Mike Walsh:**

Mike reviewed the history of EO 2019-02 (Red Tape Reduction Act) and EO 2020-01 (Zero Based Regulation ZBR).

Mike stated the goals under ZBR, which is to reduce and eliminate restrictions. A memo sent from the Governors office last week asked for all agencies to set a goal of 20% word reduction in current rules.

Proposed changes to the ICBVI rule book:  Renaming 15.02.02 to “Rules  Governing The Rehabilitation Programs Of The Idaho Commission For The Blind And Visually Impaired.”

The VR and IL rules would become subparts within this chapter; thus, eliminating a chapter in our rule book. These changes are not in conflict with the federal statute (The Rehabilitation Act of 1973) or Idaho Code 67-5407 and 67-5408.

Benefits of adopting this change:

1. Ease of navigation for the citizens of Idaho.
2. Savings in taxpayer dollars
3. Compliance with the Governor’s mandate.
4. Differentiates ICBVI from the general VR program (IDVR).

Other changes in the VR and IL chapters include: removal of unnecessary / redundant / restrictive language; rewording of the IL subsection 403 (Financial Participation); removal of subsection 300 (Financial Participation) in the VR chapter (previously approved by the board).

Discussion largely focused on the benefits of combining of the 2 chapters. After discussion, all of the proposed changes to the VR and IL rule were approved.

Mike will notify the board once the notice for the June bulletin is ready for publication. Mike will coordinate one phone in meeting for public comment. Mike will coordinate getting the notice on the website and posted in all of the regional offices.

The **MOTION** to approve proposed changes as outlined by Mike Walsh was made by Sue Walker and seconded by BJ Stinger. All were in favor.

**Beth’s CEC: Britt**

The board met for an executive session during the March Board meeting for Beth’s performance review. No further discussion was needed to discuss her raise recommendation.

The MOTION for a merit increase consistent with the state matrix recommendation for exemplary work of 5.25%; was made by Al Schneider, seconded by BJ Stinger. All were in favor.

**New Business**

At the next BEP meeting Mike plans to discuss Zero Based Regulation with the elective committee.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8th via Zoom.

The **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Sue Walker at 11:10 a.m.

Meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Bailie Weir on May 18, 2021.