

CHAPTER 268A

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

268A.02 Commissioner; rehabilitation advisory council, staff.

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268A.02 COMMISSIONER; REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL, STAFF.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 2. **Rehabilitation council.** The commissioner shall establish a state rehabilitation council and a statewide independent living council consistent with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law Number 93-112, as amended. Members of the councils shall be compensated as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3.

History: 2001 c 161 s 52

268A.06 REHABILITATION FACILITIES.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** Any city, town, county, nonprofit corporation, regional treatment center, or any combination thereof, may apply to the commissioner for assistance in establishing or operating a community rehabilitation facility. Application for assistance shall be on forms prescribed by the commissioner. Each applicant shall annually submit to the commissioner its plan and budget for the next fiscal year. No applicant shall be eligible for a grant hereunder unless its plan and budget have been approved by the commissioner.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 2001 c 77 s 4]

History: 2001 c 77 s 1

268A.08 REHABILITATION FACILITY BOARDS.

Subdivision 1. **Appointment; membership.** Every city, town, county, nonprofit corporation, or combination thereof establishing a rehabilitation facility shall appoint a rehabilitation facility board of no fewer than nine members before becoming eligible for the assistance provided by sections 268A.06 to 268A.15. When any city, town, or county singly establishes such a rehabilitation facility, the board shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the city or the chair of the governing board of the county or town. When any combination of cities, towns, counties, or nonprofit corporations establishes a rehabilitation facility, the chief executive officers of the cities, nonprofit corporations and the chairs of the governing bodies of the counties or towns shall appoint the board. If a nonprofit corporation singly establishes a rehabilitation facility, the corporation shall appoint the board of directors. Membership on a board shall be representative of the community served and shall include a person with a disability. One-third to one-half of the board shall be representative of industry or business. The remaining members should be representative of lay associations for persons with a disability, labor, the general public, and education, welfare, medical, and health professions. Nothing in sections 268A.06 to 268A.15 shall be construed to preclude the appointment of elected or appointed public officials or members of the board of directors of the sponsoring nonprofit corporation to the board, so long as representation described above is preserved. If a regional treatment center establishes an extended employment program, the chief executive officer of the regional treatment center shall perform the functions of the rehabilitation facility board as prescribed in subdivision 2. The regional treatment center is not required to establish a separate governing body as a board. The regional treatment center shall establish an advisory committee following the membership representation requirements of this subdivision. If a county establishes an extended employment program and manages the program with county employees, the governing board shall be the county board of commissioners and

other provisions of this chapter pertaining to membership on the governing board do not apply.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** Subject to the provisions of sections 268A.06 to 268A.15 and the rules of the department, each rehabilitation facility board shall:

(a) review and evaluate the need for extended employment programs offered by the rehabilitation facility provided pursuant to sections 268A.06 to 268A.15;

(b) recruit and promote local financial support for extended employment programs from private sources such as United Way, business, industrial and private foundations, voluntary agencies and other lawful sources and promote public support for municipal and county appropriations;

(c) promote, arrange, and implement working agreements with other educational and social service agencies both public and private and any other allied agencies; and

(d) when an extended employment program offered by the rehabilitation facility is certified, act as the administrator of the rehabilitation facility and its subprograms for purposes of this chapter.

History: 2001 c 77 s 2