**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

## Rules Meeting

## Thursday, April 27, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Virtual participation available via Zoom.

**In attendance**:

Rules members (by Zoom): Harry Begian, Paul Patche, Julie Wakamoto, Jerry Gann

DOR staff (by Zoom): Michael Thomas, Kelly Snow, Matt Buller, Marc Leyva, Jennifer Wilbon, Ava Hacopian

Members of the Public: Steve Alford, Sandy Balani, Max Duarte, Denise Hudson-Mendoza

**Welcome and Introductions**

Harry Begian welcomed attendees and conducted roll call. Members of the committee reviewed and discussed the following: election regulations and issues of concerns and the response from the legal department. Harry lead a discussion regarding applying for satellite locations, the 50 mile requirement and the 183 day wait time.

Department comments

* The department spoke of legal procedures that were previously in place and mentioned that changes cannot be made unless the department worked with a DOR attorney and with CVPC to redo the regulations.
* Through ADA, some accommodations and requests can be honored.
* The group will need to work together regarding the election process.
* There were some changes made due to the pandemic that the governor is no longer allowing.

Committee members comments and questions

* Members discussed issues and concerns with the post office.
* Members will review and discuss all concerns in the Rules Committee and provide a recommendation to CVPC.

Public members comments and questions

* Public members discussed rules and regulations and where problems stem from.
* Discussed various reasons why some individuals may not get physical mail.
* Suggested the department move toward a modern way of doing business.
* Suggested reading the rules and regulations at the next Rules Meeting.
* Questions about funds arose and what options can be explored. Asked if Legal Women’s Voters could be used.

Section 7214.1 and 7216.1 were discussed.

Section 7214.1 (183-day requirement)

(B) A vendor operating a vending facility on the permanent basis must have operated that vending facility at least 183 calendar days before the final filing day on the DR 460, vending facility announcement.

Section 7216.1 (50 miles requirement)

C.  The vending facilities that comprise a vending machine facility specified in (D) of this section must be within 50 miles of each other. For the purpose of this subdivision the vending machine facilities will not be required to be within 50 miles of the other facility. The BEP manager, after consultation with the CVPC will permit vending facilities that comprise the single facility specified (D) of this section to be more than 50 miles from the other vending facility.

Department comments and questions

* The department reviewed and explained the two sections in detail and shared what is common practice at the department.

Committee members comments and questions

* Questions were raised about when a vendor can apply for satellite.
* A request was made to have the department send an email regarding their position on the issue regarding satellites, primary locations, and the 183 day wait time.

Public members comments and questions

* Public members shared their thoughts and opinions regarding Section 7214.1 and 7216.1.

Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.