

**STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

§259.1; §705 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended  
 Department for the Blind, 524 Fourth Street, Des Moines 50309-2364;  
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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending Date/ Type of Appointment</i>
Patty Chacey.....	Burlington.....	June 30, 2009
Angela Creech.....	Iowa City.....	June 30, 2008
Donna Crum.....	Glenwood.....	June 30, 2008
Randy Davis.....	Oskaloosa.....	June 30, 2008
Jeffrey Jasper.....	Fort Dodge.....	June 30, 2011
Robert Jeppesen.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2008
David Schumaker.....	Waterloo.....	June 30, 2009
Jill Southworth.....	West Des Moines.....	June 30, 2010
Dedie Thompson.....	Terril.....	June 30, 2009
<i>Ex officio, nonvoting members:</i>		
Rebecca Criswell, designee of the Department for the Blind.....		Statutory
Becky Maddy Harker, designee of Governor's Developmental Disabilities Policy Council.....		Statutory
Tomoko Yajima, designee of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Department of Education.....		Statutory

**DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS**

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The Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) is a multifaceted regulatory agency charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of Iowans. The department is responsible for inspecting and licensing or certifying health care providers and suppliers, restaurants and grocery stores, social and charitable gambling operations, hotels and motels, and barber and beauty shops. In addition, DIA staff investigate alleged fraud in the state's public assistance programs and conduct contested case hearings to settle disputes between Iowans and various state government agencies.

The department was created in 1986 to coordinate and conduct various audits, appeals, hearings, inspections, and investigations related to the operations of the executive branch of state government. DIA is organized into four major divisions (Administration, Administrative Hearings, Health Facilities, and Investigations), each with its own specific duties and responsibilities. The Administration Division, which includes the director's office and staff, oversees the daily operation of the agency. The director's office sets policy for the department and is responsible for coordinating DIA's various programs and functions.

Attached to the department for administrative support purposes are five additional units — Child Advocacy Board, Employment Appeal Board, Hospital Licensing Board, State Public Defender, and Racing and Gaming Commission. Each unit, like DIA's major divisions, has Iowa Code-mandated duties and responsibilities.

Essential, centralized support services for the department are coordinated by and through the Administration Division. Staff attached to the director's office oversee all strategic planning, legislative affairs, administrative rulemaking, personnel, and public information activities for the department. The director's office also supervises all inspections performed by the department, including food safety inspections at restaurants, grocery stores, and food processing plants, as well as sanitation inspections performed at barber and cosmetology shops, and hotels and motels.