

RAMP

Purpose, Parameters, Qualifications, Activities and Performance Indicators
for the position of
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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I. PURPOSE OF POSITION: To oversee and successfully maintain all of the operations of RAMP including staffing, services, marketing, resource development, facility management and financial management; act as the main spokesperson for the organization and/or delegate the responsibility when necessary; ensure that RAMP is providing premium quality services to persons with disabilities in concert with the organizations mission and the Independent Living Philosophy; be constantly planning for the future financial health of the organization and ensuring that the services offered fit the needs of the community; work directly with the Board of Directors.

II. POSITION PARAMETERS: Reports directly to the Board of Directors; Full-time; Full Benefits; Travel and Expenses Reimbursed; Salaried Exempt.

III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Master's degree preferred in a field easily related to the work required by the position (or comparable work experience paired with a Bachelors Degree).
- B. Seven (7) to Ten (10) years of experience in non-profit administration and supervision.
- C. Experience in and an understanding of financial management including budgeting, evaluating income statements and balance sheets, ethical money management, endowments, etc.
- D. Proven experience in successful fundraising and possesses the skills necessary to support the Development Director in this endeavor.
- E. Excellent written and verbal communication skills that translate well in working with all aspects of the organization including staff, consumers, Board, donors, community organizations, media, etc.
- F. The ability to work effectively as a team player while still making decisions and leading the organization.
- G. A working understanding of human resource management and the aspects that go into a positive work environment.
- H. Ability to work with a Board of Directors as well as recruiting and training new members.
- I. Personal experience with a disability and/or working with persons with disabilities.
- J. A keen understanding of the Independent Living Philosophy and a creative vision for seeing it played out in the communities served by RAMP.
- K. Self-motivated and creative in problem solving.
- L. Reliable transportation and a willingness to work the hours (including evenings and weekends) needed to accomplish the intended purpose of the position.

- M. A genuine care and concern for others and a desire to fulfill the responsibilities of this position to the betterment of RAMP and those it serves.
- N. Model honesty openness around issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (Include under minimum qualifications or administration)
- O. Respect all staff and consumer identities and recognize how they impact RAMP's commitment to those with disabilities (include under minimum qualifications or services)
- P. Commit RAMP to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (include under minimum qualifications or visioning)

IV. JOB ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (in order of priority):

A1. Visioning

- PI. Develop an annual strategic plan that is built on all aspects of the organization including services, the funding of those services, future service needs, threats to consumer independence, the economy, approaching opportunities, etc.
- PI. Expand the annual strategic plan to include one-three years (and longer, if needed).
- PI. Consistently compare the budget to the Strategic Plan and share any funding issues with the Management Team and/or Board of Directors as necessary.
- PI. Keep the Strategic Plan updated and monitor the progress with objectives to ensure that it is being carried out appropriately, changed as needed and/or updated as time goes on.
- PI. Develop new services to respond to the needs unpacked during the planning process and/or revenue producing ventures to ensure the future vitality and growth of the organization.
- PI. Actively participate on local, regional, state and/or regional boards and committees to keep abreast of the environments in which RAMP resides.
- PI. Maintain a knowledge and understanding of what is happening locally and beyond to have a vision of the environment RAMP finds itself in including the political climate, the economic climate, the cultural climate, etc.

A2. Services

- PI. Develop new programs, in concert with the Services Director, as a response to the needs of consumers and the changing needs of the culture.
- PI. Ensure that each service is marketed (as needed and/or as appropriate) and that outreach is consistent and comprehensive
- PI. Be able to effectively present services to the community and supporters
- PI. Ensure that each viable and needed program and service is financially supported presently and in the future
- PI. Ensure that advocacy efforts and the advancement of IL Philosophy is key to all services and a focus for all staff, throughout the organization

A3. Administration

- PI. Supervise the positions of Services Director, Development Director, Senior Accountant, Human Resources Generalist, Administrative Assistant and other positions as assigned
- PI. Ensure that the departments under each of the above positions are running smoothly, effectively and efficiently
- PI. Uphold a ROWE culture and ensure its full implementation and success by modeling it with staff and direct reports
- PI. Follow and adhere to the items listed in the ED's ROWE results, including the cover page and job responsibilities
- PI. Ensure the organization maintains the highest level of ethical standards in services, finances, compliance, insurances and all dealings inside and outside of the organization.
- PI. Ensure that RAMP ends each year in the black, or be in constant contact with the Board if this is not possible and be working on how to rectify the reality as soon as possible
- PI. Work with the Board on an annual basis to recruit and train new Board members, matching the organizations needs with the right persons from the community.
- PI. Keep the Board constantly abreast of information that is vital to their job of being informed, educated members, committed to the mission of RAMP and its successful completion of that mission.
- PI. Serve as an ex-officio member of each Board committee and attend all meetings, ensuring that the work of those committees is documented in minutes and followed through on.
- PI. All other duties as assigned or necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and/or the expectations of the position.

A4 Resources

- PI. Ensure that RAMP meets its fundraising goals annually and support that process with donor appointments, networking, grant writing, etc.
- PI. Be intimately involved in the development of all government contracts and/or new programs being applied for in this manner.
- PI. Lead and maintain all entrepreneurial opportunities and business ventures.
- PI. Be always on the look for funding, private or public, that supports the work and needs of RAMP.

ADA CHECKLIST FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES & REQUIREMENTS, VISUAL ACUITY, AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF THE POSITION

Title: Executive Director

1. The physical activity of this position. (Please check all that apply)

- A.** Talking. Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word. Those activities in which they must convey detailed or important spoken instructions to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly.
- B.** Hearing. Perceiving the nature of sounds at normal speaking levels with or without correction. Ability to receive detailed information through oral communication, and to make the discriminations in sound.
- C.** Repetitive motion. Substantial movements (motions) of the wrists, hands, and/or fingers.

2. The physical requirements of this position.

- A.** Sedentary work. Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met.

3. The visual acuity requirements including color, depth perception, and field vision.

- A.** The worker is required to have close visual acuity to perform an activity such as: preparing and analyzing data and figures; transcribing; viewing a computer terminal; extensive reading; visual inspection involving small defects, small parts, and/or operation of machines (including inspection); using measurement devices; and/or assembly or fabrication parts at distances close to the eyes.

4. The conditions the worker will be subject to in this position. (Please check all that apply)

- A.** The worker is subject to outside environmental conditions. No effective protection from the weather, except when going to meetings
- B.** The worker is subject to both environmental conditions. Activities occur inside and outside.
- C.** None. The worker is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions (such as in typical office or administrative work.)

DISCLAIMER

The preceding job description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to act as a contract, nor contain or be interpreted as a

**comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications
required of employees assigned to this job.**