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COMMISSION FOR BLIND & VISUALLY HANDICAPPED
TO WEBCAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The public will be able to listen in via the Internet to the Executive Board meeting of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH) taking place on Thursday, May 21.

The meeting will be held at NY Network Studio B in the south concourse of the Empire State Plaza starting at 8:30 a.m. and running until approximately 4 p.m. The audio webcast will remain accessible on the Internet for 30 days. The webcast was arranged after numerous consumers from across the state expressed interest in attending electronically. Captions will be provided for the hearing impaired.

CBVH provides vocational rehabilitation and other direct services to legally blind New York State residents, including children, adults, and elderly persons. A primary objective is to assist consumers in achieving economic self-sufficiency and full integration into society.

The 15-member Executive Board was created by the state Legislature in 2007 to examine services provided to legally blind New Yorkers by CBVH and other state agencies, and to make recommendations to enhance or improve services, where necessary. The May 21 meeting will be devoted to finalizing the board’s report to the Legislature.

The audio webcast will be available through Windows Media Player or Real Media at the links below:

Windows Media
http://pointers.audiostreamweb.com/asxfiles-live/1c2winlive6814.asx

Real Media
http://interface.audiostreamweb.com/lnk/avweb2reallive2109/live.rm/play

The Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped is located within the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). A link to the audio webcast will also be accessible from the OCFS website at www.ocfs.state.ny.us. The audio webcast is made possible with assistance from the New York Network, part of the State University of New York.

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