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KRISTEN COX, *Secretary of Disabilities*

Secretary of Disabilities since July 1, 2004. Director, Office for Individuals with Disabilities, 2003-04.

Member, Governor's Executive Council, 2004-; Children's Cabinet, 2005-; Interagency Committee on Aging Services, 2004-; Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Advisory Council, 2004-; Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, 2004-; Task Force on Parking for Individuals with Disabilities, 2004; Procurement Preferences Task Force, 2004-; Community Choice Advisory Group, 2005-. Chair, Interagency Disabilities Board, 2004-. Chair, Advisory Committee, Technology Assistance Program, 2004-. Member, Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families, 2004-05. Co-Chair, Community College Students with Disabilities Task Force, 2005.

Special Assistant to Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Dept. of Education, 2001-03. Member, Council on Parental Relinquishment of Custody to Obtain Health Care Services, 2003. Chair, Affordable and Accessible Housing for Individuals with Disabilities Subcommittee, Governor's Commission on Housing Policy, 2003-04. Co-Chair, Interagency Transition Council for Youth with Disabilities, 2003-.

Born in Bellevue, Washington. Brigham Young University, B.A. (educational psychology; certificate in special education), 1995. Assistant Director of Governmental Affairs, National Federation of the Blind, 1998-2001.

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Appointed by House Speaker: Joanne C. Benson

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