



Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Developmental Disabilities Council Members

FROM: Sandee Winchell
Executive Director

Enclosed are materials to help you prepare for our October Council meeting. In addition to the normal reports, you will find four concept proposals to consider as we enter the "pre-planning stage" for updates to our new Five Year Plan. These will be reviewed by our two priority committees and discussed and voted on by the full Council. You will only be deciding which ideas are worth devoting staff time to research further. A final decision on whether to include them in the Plan will be made at the April planning meeting.

The October committee and Council meetings will also be the time for you to propose your ideas to your fellow Council members for possible inclusion in the second year of our Plan. Discussion and votes will be taken on which ideas will move forward to the April planning meeting. This is also being done in October to give the staff time to gather any additional information that may be necessary, including what activities would be involved, what other states are doing in this area, cost, staff time, etc. When reviewing the proposals and considering your own ideas, please keep in mind that new strategies should achieve the goals and objectives in our new Plan.

On **Wednesday, October 19th** we begin with our **Staff Review Session at 12:30 p.m.** for any Council member wanting to review the issues the Council will be considering. **The committee meetings begin at 3:15 p.m.** with the exception of the **Act 378 Sub-Committee which begins at 1:15 p.m.** The **business meeting begins at 8:30 on Thursday.** We will be at the Holiday Inn South, 9940 Airline Hwy. in Baton Rouge.

If you have not yet emailed Paige indicating your planned attendance, please do so at this time or call her at (800) 450-8108. I look forward to seeing you soon!

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