

December 22, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Developmental Disabilities Council Members

FROM: Sandee Winchell
Executive Director

Enclosed are materials to help you prepare for our January Council meeting. In addition to the normal reports, you will find some materials to consider as we enter the “pre-planning stage” for our new Five Year Plan - two concept proposals and suggestions for contractual initiatives from our Blue Ribbon Panel. These will be reviewed by our two priority committees and discussed and voted on by the full Council. In January you will be making a decision on which ideas you want to consider at the April planning meeting, giving the staff time to gather any additional information that may be necessary.

The January 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 new Five Year Plan. Discussion and votes will be taken on which ideas will move forward to the April planning meeting. This must be done in January to also give the staff time to gather any additional information that may be necessary.

On **Wednesday, January 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. Take the Airline Hwy. North exit off of I-12 and you will see the hotel immediately on your left.

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 hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

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