

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
Quarterly Report to the DD Council
June, 2012**

Update/progress on agency initiatives

State Plan Updates:

LRS completed the FY 2013 State Plan Update and presented it to the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) on May 15, 2012 for consideration of approval. The WIC approved the State Plan Update on this date. The State Plan Updates were submitted to the Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA) for their approval.

Strategic Planning:

LRS worked in conjunction with the Office of Workforce Development (OWD) to update and submit its portion of the LWC Departmental Strategic Plan for approval.

Second Injury Board Action (SIF)

Act 291 allowed the 2nd Injury Board to allocate up to 1 percent of the board's annual budget to Louisiana Rehabilitation Services to be used to help people with disabilities get jobs. The board's allocation was matched at nearly 4-to-1 with federal funds from the Rehabilitation Services Administration. \$2.19 million were spent to provide 888 consumers with over 1,600 services resulting in over 600 successfully-employed. Over 200 cases are open with expected closures during the remainder of 2012. LRS Director, Mark Martin, and Office of Workforce Commission, Wes Hattaway, and SIF Executive Director, Pauline Williams reported on these results to the recent, regular Legislative Session in June, 2012.

Randolph-Sheppard

The new Randolph-Sheppard location at the Marine Corps Installation at Federal City in New Orleans is scheduled to officially open on July 2.

Status of agency's activities/participation on DDC plan initiatives and impact (if applicable)

Transition

LRS and DOE completed a webinar/teleconference June 6, 2012 for interested school districts to learn more about Third Party agreements. A conference call is scheduled July 6, 2012 with Bossier Parish to discuss their proposed agreement for Transition services.

Status of Council recommendations to agency (if applicable)