



Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Developmental Disabilities Council Members

FROM: Sandee Winchell
Executive Director

I hope you are all enjoying your summer with family and friends. Please take time to read through your packet of materials which includes the **final draft of our new five-year plan**. You will recall that the plan the Council developed in April did not include non-contractual activities. The staff developed these activities to accomplish the goals and objectives. We also revised and restructured the language of the goals and objectives, where necessary, to meet our federal guidelines. We believe you will be pleased with the results, but it is very important that you review the plan prior to the meeting. There will be time on the agenda for discussion of the plan but **I encourage you to call me before the meeting if you have any concerns**.

Also included in your packet are two proposals that will be first considered by the Health/Education/Employment Committee and then voted on by the full Council. These proposals are related to the child care (11.1.1) and employment education (9.4.2) initiatives in the new plan. The child care initiative did not require the amount of funding allocated at the April meeting so staff will be recommending shifting the balance to the employment education initiative. We will provide more information at the meeting but wanted you to be able to review the proposals in advance.

Finally, the list of the bills we tracked through the legislative session with their outcome is also enclosed. I am also emailing you this list with the hyperlinks.

Please refer to the enclosed agenda for the starting times of the various committee meetings on Wednesday, July 20th. The staff review session begins at 12:30. **The staff review session will also be a great time to ask staff questions about the plan** or any other issues being considered by the Council. We will be at the **Holiday Inn on Airline Hwy.** just off of I-12 in Baton Rouge.

If you have not let yet Paige know of your planned attendance, please call her at (800) 450-8108 or email at paige.freeman@la.gov. I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

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Enclosure