



Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council



SELF-DETERMINATION ♦ INDEPENDENCE ♦ PRODUCTIVITY ♦ INTEGRATION ♦ INCLUSION

April 4, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Developmental Disabilities Council Members

FROM: Sandee Winchell
Executive Director

The April Council meeting will be held on **April 20th and 21st** at the **Holiday Inn at 9940 Airline Hwy.** in Baton Rouge. Our committees will follow our regular Wednesday schedule and the business meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. Please refer to the agenda linked below for more details.

All of the meeting documents are provided electronically to help you prepare for the meeting and will be provided in hard copy at the meeting:

- [Council Meeting Agenda](#) – the links to the various reports are included on the agenda
- [Status Report of Council Plan Activities](#)

Please note on the agenda that you will be voting on an updated version of the Council's position papers. The Executive Committee has already approved these revisions and will be asking for the Council's approval. All suggested deletions are in strikethrough and additions are in red. The only exception is in the Community Support paper. Significant language changes were made throughout the document and it was too confusing to show all of these in strikethrough/red. The revisions did not alter the Council's position at all; they were only changes in language and writing style.

The Self-Determination/Community Inclusion Committee will be reviewing the one proposal we received in response to our Solicitation of Proposals for the LaCAN/LaTEACH merger contract. The committee will make a recommendation to the full Council at the April meeting so I'm providing it to the full Council for review. It is attached as a separate document to this email as this is not a public document and will not be posted on our website.

You will also note on the agenda that the afternoon of the Council meeting will include the solicitation of feedback on the two issues below. A document that was provided by Dr. Sue Berry is linked on the agenda to help you prepare to provide input.

- Title V Block Grant State Action Plan
- Priorities for the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

These additional documents are available for your information:

- [Attendance Chart](#)
- [Committee List](#)
- [Council Representation on Other Disability Groups](#)
- [Quarterly Meeting Schedule](#)

If you have not yet let us know of your planned attendance, please call Kourtney at (800) 450-8108 or email her at Kourtney.gaines2@la.gov. I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks. Please call me if you have any questions in the meantime.

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Enclosure