

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

Quarterly DD Council Report

January 22, 2014

Update/progress on agency initiatives

The Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs met in Baton Rouge on December 3, 2014. The Council gave feedback on presentations on Managed Long-Term Supports and Services (The Office of Aging and Adult Services) and on Accessible Design Standards (The Office of the State Fire Marshall). The first part of our agenda was a continuation from our previous meeting on Managed Long-Term Supports and Services, where the council gave feedback on a presentation by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities. The Office of Behavioral Health has offered to join our next MLTSS discussion. Resources from the council's meetings can be found on GODA's website. The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2015.

The next Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) meeting is Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge. The Council will be discussing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) and the direct impact of new federal regulations on the Centers for Independent Living and the SILC; including but not limited to the new federal structure and federal reporting. The council is currently seeking membership applications for: 1.) Advocates of, and for, individuals with a disability 2.) Representatives from a private business. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying, please contact laura.meaux@la.gov.

On November 12th, over 300 individuals from across the disability community came together to honor and celebrate those whose contributions have helped advance the opportunities of individuals with disabilities. The Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities (GOLD) Awards Ceremony is held annually at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge. This year's keynote speaker was Leah Hoffpaur, Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana. For more information on this year's award recipients or if you would like to be involved in the future, please contact our office.

The next Governor's Office on Disability Affairs Quarterly Newsletter will be released in January 2015. Information on this year's Governor's Office of Disability Affairs' Inclusive Art Show will be released at that time. For more information on participating or showcasing the art, please contact sara.spencer@la.gov. Please let our office know if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

Status of Council recommendations to agency (if applicable)

N/A