

LOUISIANA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

July 18, 2019

MEETING SUMMARY (motions only)

8:30 A.M.

Embassy Suites
Baton Rouge, LA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kim Basile
Melissa Bayham
Michael Billings
Randall Brown Jr.
Carmen Cetnar
Lillian DeJean
Jill Demeritt
Amy Donarski
April Dunn
Michelle Guillory, GOEA
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Roslyn Hymel
Mitch Iddins
Jen Katzman
Tara LeBlanc, OAAS
Hyacinth McKee
Steven Nguyen
Michael Norman, HDC
Robert Paddy
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Chris Rodriguez, Advocacy Center
Tara Smith
Mary Tarver
Crystal White
Jamie Wong, LDOE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jill Hano
Patti Barovechio, OPH/CSHS

STAFF PRESENT

Marilee Andrews
Brenton Andrus
Shawn Fleming
Ebony Haven
Hannah Jenkins
Courtney Ryland
Sandee Winchell

GUESTS PRESENT

Jeanne Abadie
Sam Beech
Yvonne Bell
Donna Breaux
Annie Cummer
Katie Corkern
Kellie D'Aunoy-Jones
Anne Delery McWhorter
Joanette Dunn
Erin Federer
Julie Folse
Deborah Fontenot, FHF Acadiana
Rebecca Fruge
Liz Gary
Rose Gilbert
Corlis Gremillion
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Michelle Hurst
Natalie LaRose
Kay Marcel
Ashley McReynolds, LaCAN Region 2
Kelly Monroe, Arc of LA
Sherri Nastasia
Christy Paulsell
Laci Polotzola, FHF Acadiana
Susan Riehn, FHF of SWLA
Tory Rocca, Advocacy Center
Brenda Sharp, OCDD
Kim Lanclos-Smith
B.J. Smith
Shenitha Smith
James Sprinkle, FHF Crossroads
Laura Thornton
Amy Tresch
Kelly Usery

April Dunn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed new members Michael Norman and Chris Rodriguez to the Council.

SUMMARY OF JULY 2019 MEETING

Note: This summary contains motions made at the meeting. This summary will be updated with background information related to each motion and critical information shared by each agency prior to the October 2019 Council meeting.

MOTION PASSED. Motion to accept the Summary of the [May 2019 Council Meeting](#) made by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Jill DeMerritt, passed without objection.

Chairperson's Report – April Dunn

April Dunn announced appointments of the following members to Council Committees:

- Education/Employment Committee: Amy Donarski and Michael Norman
- Membership Committee: Mike Billings, Jill Hano, and Hyacinth McKee. As the Council's Vice-Chair, Robert Paddy chairs the Membership Committee.
- Nominating Committee (announced via email on April 23rd): Bambi Polotzola, Mitch Iddins, Julie Foster Hagan, Alan Coulter, and Jill Demeritt. (Alan and Jill were subsequently unable to serve.)

MOTION PASSED. The Executive Committee's recommendation to adopt the draft FFY2022-2026 [Five Year Plan Timeline and Development Process](#) passed without objection; no abstentions.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED.

Motion. A motion by Crystal White, seconded by Kim Basile, to allow Council members to be invited to the LaCAN Legislative Debriefing.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED. A substitute motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Crystal White, to table this motion until the October 2019 DD Council meeting to allow staff to make recommendations to the Council based on research of potential avenues for participation by Council members passed with 23 yeas to 1 nay; no abstentions.

Act 378 Subcommittee

MOTION PASSED. The Act 378 Subcommittee recommendation for the Council to send a letter to Capital Area Human Services District expressing concern for their use of Act 378 funds for their adult programs to pay administrative costs for their drop-in center passed without objection, no abstentions.

Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee

MOTION PASSED. The Self-Determination & Community Inclusion Committee recommendation for the following amendments to be made to the Council's Community Support position paper passed without objection, Michael Norman abstains.

Replace the term intermediate care facility for individuals with developmental disabilities or ICF/DD with intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or ICF/IID.

1. Provide adequate funding to build a system of high quality, individualized supports and services in the community for people with developmental disabilities that includes: ~~are available when they are needed~~ (Accomplished).
 - a) ~~Ensure~~ a qualified and stable workforce of direct support professionals (DSPs) and support coordinators who
 - demonstrate skill sets necessary to meet individual needs, including the most challenging medical and behavioral health needs, and
 - receive appropriate, competitive compensation.
2. Ensure individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will have access to the same level and quality of services across the state.
3. Implement a Money Follows the Person program to allow individuals residing in private ICFs/DD ICFs/IID the option to move into the home and community of their choice.
4. Make out of home placement unnecessary by
 - a) increasing the capacity of community providers to serve people with challenging needs through
 - ~~financial incentives, and~~ (Accomplished)
 - specialized training, technical assistance and collaboration with other agencies,
 - b) ~~prioritizing the current home and community based waiver waiting list to serve those with the most emergent needs first,~~ (Accomplished)
 - c) enhancing the safety net system for individuals in each region of the state by
 - ~~expanding the number of emergency waiver slots available,~~ (no longer needed)
 - implementing a comprehensive crisis prevention and intervention system for individuals in the community including proactive preventive services and coordinated 24-hour crisis response services.
 - d) developing policies to stop adjudications to ICFs/DD ICFs/IID.

~~Many of the above recommendations could be accomplished through implementation of a Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS) system that includes all~~

Medicaid services and settings. An adequate investment of resources in a well-designed MLTSS system where the Managed Care Organizations are held accountable for quality of life outcomes would provide for:

- a. an expansion of the number of people served
- b. an improvement in the quality and integration of services
- c. an ability to meet needs in a timely fashion
- d. the ability for people (and funding) to move from congregate to individualized, community settings
- e. improved access to providers across the state.

Education and Employment Committee

MOTION PASSED. The Education and Employment (EE) Committee recommendation for the Council to select the institution which submitted the proposal that had the highest score from the EE Committee ratings to contract for the Post-Secondary Inclusive Education Alliance initiative passed without objection; and four abstentions: Amy Donarski, Chris Rodriguez, Michael Norman, and Jamie Wong.

	SLU	LSU-HDC	Team Dynamics
Total Rating Score (out of 600)	511	510	392
Recommend	6	4	2
Recommend with Conditions	1	2	0
Do not recommend	1	2	6

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED.

MOTION. The Education and Employment Committee recommendation for the Council to consider revising the Position Paper on Education as recommended by the Executive Committee to indicate the individual choice for inclusive education by revising the last sentence of the Position Paper to read:

The Council supports the choice for full inclusion of all children, regardless of the severity of their disability, as full participating members of each and every school.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED: A substitute motion by Michael Norman, seconded by Bambi Polotzola, to table the discussion regarding changing the position paper related to "choice for" according to the five year planning process and adopt revisions proposed by the Executive Committee passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to grant the membership committee authority to forward their recommendation directly to the Governor for appointment passed without objection, no abstentions.

Nominating Committee

MOTION. The Nominating Committee recommendation for Council Officers beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2021 include:

Chairperson – April Dunn
Vice Chairperson – Robert Paddy
Self-Determination & Community Inclusion Committee Chair – Randall Brown
Education/Employment Committee Chair – Mary Tarver
Member-At-Large – Hyacinth McKee

Nominations from the floor were:

- Crystal White nominated Randall Brown as Chairperson; Randall Brown accepted
- Kim Basile nominated Crystal White as Vice Chair; Crystal White accepted.
- Kim Basile nominated April Dunn for Self-Determination & Community Inclusion Committee Chair; April Dunn rejected.
- Tara Smith nominated Kim Basile for Self-Determination & Community Inclusion Committee Chair, Kim Basile accepted.
- Crystal nominated Michael Billings for Self-Determination & Community Inclusion Committee Chair, Mike Billings accepted.

MOTION FAILED. A motion by Kim Basile, seconded by Tara Smith, to abolish the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers and take nominations from the floor failed with 8 yeas to 13 nays; Hyacinth McKee and Jamie Wong abstained.

MOTION PASSED (procedural). A motion by Kim Basile, seconded by Amy Donarski, to end discussion of the motion (i.e., "calling the question") and proceed to a vote passed with 20 yeas to 4 nays.

MOTION WITHDRAWN. A motion by Jamie Wong, seconded by Michael Norman, to have an overview of job responsibilities for each position; have a clear understanding of which members are nominated for each position; have a clear understanding of the process for each member of the Council to confidentially and unofficially express their preference; and have the Council consider the results of that process for the final election of officers was withdrawn by Jamie Wong. Staff informed the Council any confidential votes would be in violation of Open Meetings law.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION WITHDRAWN. A substitute motion by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to adopt the slate as recommended was withdrawn by Mitch Iddins.

CHAIRPERSON ELECTION - April Dunn elected.

The Council voted twice for the position of Chairperson with April Dunn and Randall Brown as candidates. Both votes ended in a split decision with eleven votes for each candidate; two abstentions: Jen Katzman and Hyacinth McKee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED. A substitute motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to reopen nominations and to nominate Randall Brown as Vice Chair and April Dunn to serve as Chair (Randall Brown accepted the nomination for Vice Chair) passed without objection, no abstentions.

VICE CHAIRPERSON ELECTION – Randall Brown elected.

Crystal White withdrew her acceptance of the nomination to serve as Vice Chair.

A vote for the position of Council Vice Chairperson with Randall Brown and Robert Paddy as candidates resulted in Randall Brown being elected with five votes for Robert Paddy and thirteen votes for Randall Brown; Six abstentions: Lillian DeJean, Jen Katzman, Robert Paddy, Bambi Polotzola, Chris Rodriguez, and Crystal White.

Kim Basile withdrew her acceptance of the nomination to serve as Self-Determination & Community Inclusion Committee Chair.

MOTION PASSED. A motion to adopt the following remaining nominations passed without objection, no abstentions:

- Mike Billings, Self-Determination & Community Inclusion Committee Chair;
- Mary Tarver, Education and Employment Committee Chair; and
- Hyacinth McKee, at-large member

Council Officers elected to serve from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021 are:

Chairperson – April Dunn

Vice Chairperson – Randall Brown

Self-Determination/Community Inclusion Committee Chair – Michael Billings
Education/Employment Committee Chair – Mary Tarver

Member-At-Large – Hyacinth McKee

FFY20 PLAN

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Julie Foster-Hagan, seconded by Jill Demeritt, to accept a change in stipends for teachers participating in coaching sessions of the Early Intervention/Child Care Inclusive project from \$25 to \$50 per session with no impact on the total budget amount for the initiative in FFY19 and FFY20 passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Mary Tarver, seconded by Mitch Iddins, to ratify the FFY20 plan as proposed passed without objection, no abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Council meeting will be October 16-17, 2019 at the Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge.

Ms. Dunn adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.