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New Director at LA Rehab Services

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Melissa Bayham has been selected to lead Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) as its new Director. She brings a great deal of experience in vocational rehabilitation, having worked in various roles for the agency at both the regional and state office level for over twelve years. Melissa served as a Rehabilitation Counselor and District Supervisor in the LRS Baton Rouge Regional Office, and the Program Coordinator for the Supported Employment Program and a Program Manager of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in the LRS state office. Most recently,

she worked as a Waiver Program Manager for Provider Relations for the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD). Melissa replaces Mark Martin who retired in early 2018.

Melissa is no stranger to the DD community or the Council. She was an integral member of the Employment First Task Force established through the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs and has been a frequent participant at DD Council meetings. As the Director of LRS, Melissa will represent that agency on the Council and has already been appointed by the Governor.

Melissa is very knowledgeable about WIOA and excited about the opportunities it affords for employment of people with significant disabilities, including Customized Employment. The Council is working collaboratively with LRS on a Council-funded project to provide training and technical assistance to LRS vendors in Customized Employment and we look forward to our continued work with Melissa and her team on this project and many more systems change initiatives in the future.

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