

LOUISIANA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

January 17, 2019

MEETING SUMMARY (motions only)

Embassy Suites
Baton Rouge, LA

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patti Barovechio, OPH/CSHS
Melissa Bayham, LRS
Michael Billings
Hilary Bordelon
Randall Brown Jr.
Carmen Cetnar
Lillian DeJean
Jill Demeritt
April Dunn
Michelle Guillory, GOEA
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Roslyn Hymel
Mitch Iddins
Enrice Jones
Hyacinth McKee
Susan Meyers, Advocacy Center
Steven Nguyen
Robert Paddy
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Mary Tarver
Crystal White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kim Basile
Alan Coulter, HDC
Tara LeBlanc, OAAS
Tara Smith
Jamie Wong, LDOE

GUESTS PRESENT

Karen Artus, LaCAN Region 9
Dawn Aunc, SCLHSA
Donna Breaux
Katie Corkern, NFHF
Michael DeCaire, CLHSD
Jamar Ennis, GODA
Deborah Fontenot, FHF Acadiana
Liz Gary
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Ashley Jefferson, OBH
Jen Katzman, BHSF
Kimmie Lasseigre, SCLHSA
Ashley McReynolds, LaCAN Region 2
Kelly Monroe, Arc of LA
Laci Polotzola, FHF Acadiana
Chris Rodriguez, Advocacy Center
Kara Shupe, FHFGBR
James Sprinkle, FHF Crossroads
Robin Wagner, OAAS
Matthew Wallace, Easter Seals

STAFF PRESENT

Brenton Andrus
Rodney Anthony
Shawn Fleming
Ebony Haven
Hannah Jenkins
Courtney Ryland
Santee Winchell

April Dunn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

SUMMARY OF JANUARY MEETING

Note: This summary contains motions made at the meeting and links to reports that were provided prior to the meeting. This summary will be updated with background information related to each motion and additional information shared prior to the April 2019 Council meeting.

MOTION PASSED. Motion to accept the [Summary of the October Council meeting made](#) by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Randall Brown, passed without objection.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – April Dunn

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION PASSED. The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to host a reception Wednesday night in conjunction with the July Council meeting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the passage of Act 378 **passed without objection; no abstentions.**

MOTION PASSED. The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to amend the 2019 Action Plan by adding \$4,000 to Activity 5.1.3 which builds the capacity of employment providers in customized employment through a competency-based certification program making the approximate cost \$59,700 **passed without objection; no abstentions.**

Activity 5.1.3 Provide funding to build the capacity of employment providers in customized employment through a competency-based certification program. **Approximate FFY 2019 Cost: ~~\$55,700~~ \$59,700**

MOTION PASSED. The Executive Committee recommendation for a pay increase of 2% for the Council's Executive Director to be effective February 22nd **passed without objection; no abstentions..**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Sandee Winchell

BUDGET REPORT – Shawn Fleming
[SFY19 Budget Report through November](#)
[SFY19 Budget Report through December.](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACT 378 SUBCOMMITTEE – Bambi Polotzola

MOTION PASSED. The Act 378 Subcommittee recommendation for the Council to design and print posters for distribution across the state advertising the Flexible Family Fund program **passed without objection; no abstentions.**

SELF DETERMINATION/COMMUNITY INCLUSION COMMITTEE – Randall Brown

MOTION PASSED. The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommendation for the Planning Ad Hoc committee to consider the following activities for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 20 Action Plan:

- Continue to provide financial support for training on sexuality and relationships and to build awareness and skills with recognizing and handling sexual abuse and exploitation of people with developmental disabilities in FY20.
 - Offer these trainings to people in group home settings
 - Offer these trainings via webinar or online on the Council website.
- Advocate for adequate funding for waiver services (i.e. adequate rates)

passed without objection; no abstentions.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE – Hilary Bordelon

MOTION PASSED. The Education and Employment Committee recommendation for the Council to send the recommendations from the Council's Act 696 of 2018 Ad Hoc Committee to the Louisiana School Board Association (LSBA) and recommend LSBA distribute these to all local school boards. If LSBA chooses to not send the recommendations to local school boards the Council should send each LEA school board a copy of the recommendations. In addition the Council should post these recommendations on its website. **passed without objection; no abstentions.**

MOTION PASSED. The Education and Employment Committee recommendation for the Council to take a negative position on the changes to the accountability system and that all students deserve access to the same level of education by requiring all schools falling under the same accountability system **passed without objection; no abstentions.**

MOTION PASSED. The Education and Employment Committee recommendation for the Planning Ad Hoc Committee consider the following activities for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 20 Action Plan:

- Provide universities with linkages to assist students with developmental disabilities access post-secondary opportunities.
- Provide training via video examples to teach people with disabilities effective self-advocacy strategies.
- Develop videos and/or visual representations of people going through the transition process to post-secondary options.

passed without objection; no abstentions.

COUNCIL AGENCY REPORTS

[ADVOCACY CENTER \(AC\)](#) – Susan Meyers

[LOUISIANA REHABILITATION SERVICES \(LRS\)](#) – Melissa Bayham

[GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS \(GOEA\)](#) – Michelle Guillory

[OFFICE OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES \(OAAS\)](#) – Robin Wagner

[OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH \(OPH\)](#) – Patti Barovechio

[BUREAU OF HEALTH SERVICES FINANCING \(BHSF\)](#) – Jen Katzman

[OFFICE FOR CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES \(OCDD\)](#) – Julie Foster Hagan

[GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF DISABILITY AFFAIRS \(GODA\)](#) – Bambi Polotzola

[LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION \(LDOE\)](#) – Jamie Wong

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION PASSED. A motion for LaCAN actions taken outside of VoterVoice to be counted by the Council made by Crystal White, seconded by Hilary Bordelon, **passed with 13 yays to 9 nays; no abstentions.**

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Council meeting will be April 17-18, 2019 at the Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge.

ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

MOTION PASSED. A motion to adjourn by Jill Demeritt, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, **passed without objection, no abstentions.**

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