

**July 16, 2020  
Meeting Summary**

**8:30 A.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patti Barovechio, OPH/CSHS  
Kim Basile  
Melissa Bayham, LRS  
Michael Billings  
Randall Brown Jr.  
Carmen Cetnar  
Lillian DeJean  
Michelle Guillory, GOEA  
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD  
Jill Hano  
Roslyn Hymel  
Mitch Iddins  
Jen Katzman, BHSF  
Hyacinth McKee  
Steven Nguyen  
Bambi Polotzola, GODA  
Kristi-Jo Preston, LDOE  
Chris Rodriguez, DRL  
Matthew Rovira  
Temisha Sonnier  
Mary Tarver  
Crystal White  
Phil Wilson, LSH-HDC

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Brenda Cosse'  
Robert Paddy

**STAFF PRESENT**

Marilee Andrews  
Brenton Andrus  
Halie Belin  
Shawn Fleming  
Ebony Haven  
Hannah Jenkins  
Courtney Ryland

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Jeff Arsenaux  
Brian Bennett

Amara Blust  
Laura Brackin  
Donna Breaux  
Kayla Brien  
Kathleen Cannino  
Katie Corkern  
Corhonda Corley  
Annie Cummer  
Nicole DeJean  
Sharon Delvisco  
Erin Downing  
Sharon Dufrene  
Mary Durr  
Kathy Dwyer  
Jill Egle'  
Mylynda Elliot, LaCAN Leader Region V  
Nicole Flores  
Liz Gary  
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist  
Kasey Hill  
Robin Hjalte  
Julia Kenny  
Adrienne Lay  
Carol Lee  
Jessica Lewis  
Caroline Meehan  
Susan Meyers  
Kelly Monroe, Arc of LA  
Tonya Mott  
Laci Polotzola  
Ashley McReynolds  
Charlie Michel, Bayouland FHF  
Jessica Michot  
Susan Riehn  
Shonna Riggs  
Tory Rocca, Advocacy Center  
James Sprinkle, FHF Crossroads  
Kelly Usery  
Rebecca White  
Kodi Wilson  
Mandie Zaunbrecher

## SUMMARY OF JULY 2020 MEETING – MOTIONS ONLY

Randall Brown called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Mary Tarver, seconded Stephen Nguyen, to approve the [January 2020 Meeting Summary](#) passed without objection, with no abstentions.

### **MOTION.**

A motion was made by Crystal White, seconded by Kristi-Jo Preston, to establish an NOW Fund Ad Hoc Committee. Following discussion Mrs. White withdrew her motion.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Crystal White, seconded by Mitch Iddins, for an Executive Committee meeting to convene when requested to provide input into the use of the NOW Fund passed without objection; Patti Barovechio, Julie Foster-Hagan, and Jen Katzman abstained.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **MOTION PASSED.**

The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to adopt the [SFY2021 Council budget as presented](#) passed without objection, no abstentions.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to reinstate the annual orientation of new Council members and refresher for existing Council members. passed without objection, no abstentions.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to convene an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion practices and draft anti-racism statements and positions for the Council's consideration passed without objection, no abstentions.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Mitch Iddins, for the Council to adopt the following position statement:

"As an anti-racist and ethnically unbiased community (entity), the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council affirms its commitment to recognizing, addressing and denouncing all forms of racism and oppression. We believe in the diversity of individual life experiences and employ inclusive practices regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, culture, age, gender and sexual orientation. We continue to aim to appreciate individuality and promote awareness to disrupt systems of privilege, inequality, and oppression."

passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.**

The Executive Committee recommended the Council consider having members sign confidentiality agreements and require applicants for Council membership to sign consent to release information for discussion of their applications.

**MOTION TO AMEND.**

An amendment to the motion by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Mike Billings, to strike out having members sign confidentiality agreements and from the original motion

**AMENDED MOTION PASSED:** To require applicants for Council membership to sign consent to release information for discussion of their applications passed without objection; Chris Rodrigues, Kristi-Jo Preston and Roslyn Hymel abstained.

A motion by Mike Billings, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to call the question and cast votes passed without objection, no abstentions.

**Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommendation to form a Partners in Policymaking Ad Hoc Committee to discuss finalizing the class of 2020 and how the class should look for 2021 and possibly 2022 passed without objection, no abstentions.

- Volunteers to Serve: Liz Gary, Jill Hano, Corhonda Corley
- Shawn Fleming agreed to push out volunteer opportunities to enhance participation.

**MOTION.**

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends including the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) and Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC) in the recruitment of LaCAN leaders, Council membership, and Partners in Policymaking passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends all contracts include language and objectives that education and outreach must be provided on LaCAN, the Council and Partners in Policymaking membership passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.**

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends sending the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option (TEFRA) public meeting information as an action alert to the Council's listserv .

**MOTION TO AMEND.**

A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to amend the motion to include (TEFRA like) passed without objection, no abstentions.

**AMENDED MOTION AS PASSED.**

To send the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option (TEFRA like) public meeting information as an Action Alert to the Council's listserv passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Membership Committee recommendation for the Council to consider submitting Rashad Bristo for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat being vacated in North Louisiana, and to have Yolanda Jewitt as the alternate candidate passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.**

The Membership Committee recommendation for the Council to consider submitting Liz Gary and Jill Egle for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat in Southeast Louisiana.

- Liz Gary requested her name be withdrawn from consideration.

**AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION PASSED:**

A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Mitch Iddins, to remove Liz Gary passed without objection, no abstentions.

**AMENDED MOTION AS PASSED:**

Recommend the Council consider submitting Jill Egle for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat in Southeast Louisiana passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.**

The Membership Committee recommendation for the Council to consider submitting Nicole Banks and Carolyn Burrell for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat in Region II

**MOTION TO AMEND PASSED.**

A motion by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to recommend Nicole Banks as the primary candidate for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the vacancy in Region II and Carolyn Burrell as the alternate passed without objection: Kim Basile, Patti Barovechio, Jill Hano, and Crystal White abstained.

**FY2021 Planning Committee**

**MOTION AS AMENDED.**

The FFY 2021 Planning Committee recommended for the Council to consider adopting the [Draft FFY 2021 Plan](#)

**MOTION TO AMEND PASSED.**

A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Lillian DeJean to amend Activity 2.7.3 in the proposed FFY 2021 plan to change 'police' to 'first responders' and add training for people with developmental disabilities on how to interact with first responders passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION TO AMEND.**

A motion by Roslyn Hymel, seconded by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, to add an activity for training on early childcare centers in rural areas.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Mitch, seconded by Roslyn, to request the FFY2022-2026 Planning Ad Hoc Committee consider adding training for childcare centers in rural areas to the plan passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION PASSED.**

The FFY 2021 Planning Committee recommendation for the Council to consider granting the Executive Committee the authority to ratify FFY 2021 Action Plan after a 45-day public comment period and to select contracts after a Solicitation of Proposals for approved activities passed without objection, no abstentions.

**MOTION PASSED.**

The FFY 2021 Planning Committee recommendation for the Council to consider requiring proposals for Council funded initiatives to indicate how outreach to diverse communities will be conducted and assurance participation will include diversity relative race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, and all marginalized communities passed without objection, no abstentions.

**[Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option Presentation.](#)**

The Louisiana Department of Health sought Council input on the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option, similar to TEFRA coverage providing Medicaid coverage to children with disabilities who meet institutional level-of-care requirements regardless of parental income.

**COUNCIL AGENCY REPORTS**

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

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

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

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

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

**Foster Hagan**

**DISABILITY RIGHTS LOUISIANA (DRL) – Chris Rodriguez**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Kristy Jo Preston**

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS (GOEA) – Michelle Guillory**

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER (HDC) – Phil Wilson**

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF DISABILITY AFFAIRS (GODA) – Bambi Polotzola**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A motion to adjourn by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Michelle Guillory, passed without objection.

Randall Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.