

Executive Director's Report October 2020 Council Meeting

Federal Reporting

Administration for Community Living announced on September 29, 2020, that their reporting system for data collection is no longer operational. Even with this loss, Council staff will continue to compile the required data and information to be ready to provide to ACL either at the end of the year (if requested in a different format), or once a new reporting system has been established.

Orientation

In accordance with a motion passed by the Council in the July meeting, Orientation will be conducted during the week of the January Council meeting with new members Nicole Banks, Rashad Bristo, Brenda Cosse', and Jill Egle.

Annual OIDD Technical Assistance Institute Conference

Due to COVID-19, the National Association of Councils on DD did not conduct their annual conference this year. However, Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) hosted a Technical Assistance Institute virtual conference which consisted of 6 sessions conducted over 3 Wednesdays in July 2020. Topics covered in these sessions were related to the five-year planning process and components, and federal reporting documents and deadlines.

Collaborative Efforts

Directors and staff of the Developmental Disabilities Network (Council, Disability Rights LA, LSUHSC-Human Development Center) have held multiple meetings to discuss LDH's response to COVID-19 with specific regard to individuals with developmental disabilities. Data was received from LDH which was interpreted to indicate a significantly higher mortality rate of individuals in ICF's than the general population. Validation of the data that was analyzed and more information has been requested from LDH. A meeting with Assistant Secretary Mark Thomas to gain more insight on this matter will be conducted on October 20, 2020.

Meetings Attended (July 1 – September 30)

- Five-Year Planning Committee – July 1 & 2
- OIDD Technical Assistance Institute Conference – July 8
- Self-Determination/Community Inclusion Committee – July 10
- Education and Employment Committee – July 15
- OIDD Technical Assistance Institute Conference – July 15
- DD Council Meeting – July 16
- OIDD Technical Assistance Institute Conference – July 22
- Meeting with Sheryl Matney (ITACC) – July 19
- Executive Committee – August 1
- DD Network Meeting (Report) – August 12
- DD Network Meeting (COVID-19 response) – August 13
- EMDAC Meeting – August 31

- Executive Committee – September 5
- EMDAC Meeting – September 8
- Executive Committee – September 9
- Louisiana Rehabilitation Council Meeting– September 10
- LaCAN Legislative Kickoff – September 17
- Executive Committee – September 19
- EMDAC Meeting – September 21
- Executive Committee – September 25
- DD Network Meeting – September 29