

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary
January 20, 2021 1:00 - 2:45 PM
Online Via Zoom

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Members Present: Kim Basile, Carmen Cetnar, Jill Egle, Julie F. Hagan, Hyacinth McKee, Bambi Polotzola, Mary Tarver

Members Absent: Nicole Banks, Randall Brown, Crystal White

Staff Present: Marilee Andrews, Brenton Andrus, Halie Belin, Ebony Haven

Others Present: Corhonda Corley, Harlon Cowsar II, Kristie Curtis, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Julie Folse, Liz Gary, Nicole Sullivan-Green, Corlis Gremillion, Lynsey Hebert, Kasey Hill, Kelly Monroe, Tanya Murphy, Susan Riehn, Christopher Rodriguez, Kristin Savicki, Shenitha Smith

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. A quorum was established.

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Mary Tarver, second by Kim Basile to approve the [October Meeting Summary](#) passed without objection, no abstentions.

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Kristin Savicki
Children/Adolescent Program

In [State Fiscal Year 21 \(SFY21\) Second Quarter](#):

- Nineteen percent (19%) of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and forty-eight percent (48%) of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 213 individuals in the CCR and 334 in the FFF programs.
- Two Local Governing Entities (LGE) are showing zero percent expenditures due to their use of Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funds before Act 378 funds. Those LGEs are Capitol Area Human Services District (CAHSD) and Acadiana Area Human Services District (AAHSD).
- Concerns noted for Northeast Delta (NEDHSA) for zero percent expenditure citing limited referrals due to COVID-19.

Adult Program

In [SFY21 Second Quarter](#):

- Sixty-four percent (64%) of funding for the adult program was spent serving 114 individuals.
- CAHSD shows zero percent expended. CAHSD is utilizing MHBG funds.

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) – Tanya Murphy

In [SFY21 Second Quarter](#):

- Thirty percent (30%) of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and forty-nine percent (49%) of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 2,451 individuals in the IFS and 1,768 in the FFF programs.
- All LGEs have appropriated an amount equal to or greater than 9% of their State General Fund (SGF) to DD services.
- It was noted that Metropolitan’s (MHSD) underutilization of their IFS budget was due to day habilitation program closures. They are working with the Arc to establish a virtual day program option and explore other programs and services to meet the needs of the developmental disability population.
- Imperial Calcasieu’s (ICHSA) lower expenditures are a result of Hurricanes Laura and Delta impacts.

OCDD also provided a [quarterly report](#) detailing all IFS requests deemed “Approved Pending Funding”. As of December 31, 2020 there were twenty-one (21) requests with thirteen (13) approved pending funding in whole and eight (8) approved pending funding in part. Two requests were from Region 10 (Jefferson Parish) with the remaining requests coming from Region 2 (Capital Area).

Members also discussed the [FY20 IFS Priority Request report](#) which provides a regional breakdown of requests by priority in addition to the types of services and goods provided and the cost. Concerns were noted for the amount of money spent on vocational and employment supports via the IFS program. Members asked if a waiver would more appropriately meet the needs of these individuals receiving vocational services and not utilize so many IFS dollars. It was shared that some individuals receiving these services, based on their individual need, do not rise to the level of needing a waiver. There was some thought that providing all individuals with a waiver for only vocational supports may result in a waiver waiting list and a waiver may not be available for someone with more urgent/emergent needs. It was also noted that IFS requests for incontinent supplies also utilize many IFS dollars. OCDD plans to analyze these specific requests to discuss findings and possible solutions at the next meeting.

Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) / Arc of LA – Kelly Monroe

In [SFY21 Second Quarter](#), forty percent (40%) of funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program was spent assisting forty-two (42) individuals. There are currently fifty-four (54) people on the waiting list. As requested at the previous meeting, racial and gender make-up of individuals receiving services and on the waiting list was included in the report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.