

January 21, 2021
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patti Barovechio, OPH/CSHS
Kim Basile
Melissa Bayham
Michael Billings
RaShad Bristo
Randall Brown Jr.
Carmen Cetnar
Lillian DeJean
Jill Eglè
Michelle Guillory, GOEA
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Roslyn Hymel
Mitch Iddins
Jen Katzman
Hyacinth McKee
Steven Nguyen
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Chris Rodriguez, DRLA
Matthew Rovira
Temisha Sonnier
Mary Tarver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nicole Banks
Brenda Cosse'
Crystal White
Phil Wilson, LSU HDC

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Bridget Bergeron
Bebe Bode
Anastasia Boudreaux
Kathleen Cannino
Konstance Causey, LaCAN Leader
Tommy Comeaux
Corhonda Corley
Harlon Cowsar, II
Kristie Curtis
Tara DeLee
Erin Downing
Kathy Dwyer
Mylinda Elliott, LaCAN Leader
Julie Estridge
Sarah Fletcher, LDOE
Nicole Flores
Liz Gary
Corlis Gremillion
Stacey Guidry
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian
Carol Lee
Caroline Meehan, CPA
Charlie Michel, Bayouland FHF
Jessica Michot
Kelly Monroe, Arc of LA
Susan Riehn
James Sprinkle, FHF Crossroads
Kelly Zimmerman

Chairperson Randall Brown called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Jill Egle, seconded by Mitch Iddins, to approve the October 2020 Meeting Summary passed without objection or abstention.

Executive Committee

MOTION FAILED.

Motion made by Roslyn Hymel, seconded by Mitch Iddins, for the Council's FY 2021 legislative advocacy agenda item to request a \$2.00 base pay increase for direct support professionals within all home and community-based service providers failed by a vote of 9 no's and 2 yea's. Abstentions were made by the following members: Patti Barovechio, Melissa Bayham, Michelle Guillory, Julie Foster Hagan, Jill Hano, Jennifer Katzman, Chris Rodriguez, Matthew Rovira, Temisha Sonnier.

MOTION PASSED.

Motion made by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Michael Billings for the Council's FY 2021 legislative advocacy agenda item to request a \$2.00 base pay increase for direct support professionals within all home and community-based services providers passed by vote of 10 yea's. Abstentions were made by the following members: Patti Barovechio, Kim Basile, Melissa Bayham, Michelle Guillory, Julie Foster Hagan, Jen Katzman, Chris Rodriguez, Matthew Rovira, Temisha Sonnier.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED. Motion made by Chris Rodriguez, seconded by Hyacinth McKee, for the Council's FY 2021 legislative advocacy agenda item to request a \$2.00 rate increase for all home and community-based services provided by direct service workers with no less than 70% of the increase being provided directly to the service workers passed by vote of 11 yea's and 1 no. Abstentions were made by the following members: Patti Barovechio, Melissa Bayham, Michelle Guillory, Julie Foster Hagan, Jen Katzman, Matthew Rovira, Temisha Sonnier.

The Council's FFY 2022-2026 Five-Year Plan was ratified by unanimous consent.

Education and Employment Committee

Unanimous consent was granted for the Education and Employment Committee to provide recommendations directly to the FY 2022 Planning Committee on initiatives for consideration.

Self-Determination/Community Inclusion Committee

The Self-determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends the following be provided to the FY 2022 Planning Committee for consideration:

1. Under Objective 2.1, create a list of providers by region to be posted on the Council and Louisiana Department of Health's websites. This list should include home and community-based providers, primary care and specialist care providers, preventive health services, prevention of chronic disease services, dental, behavioral health and sexual/reproductive health services. This list would also be made available to case managers for distribution.
2. Under Objective 2.2, establish an initiative to educate first responders and direct support professionals on how to treat individuals with disabilities in an unbiased manner.
3. Under Objective 2.3, establish an initiative to address discrimination in housing for people with disabilities.

MOTION PASSED. Motion made by Roslyn Hymel, seconded by Mitch Iddins for the Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommendations be provided to the FY 2022 Planning Committee for consideration passed with no objections and 1 abstention by Jill Hano.

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

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Standing Council Member Reports:

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Department of Education

Office of Public Health (Children's Health Services)

Medicaid – Bureau of Health Services Financing

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

Disability Rights Louisiana.

By unanimous consent, the DD Council Winter Quarterly meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.