Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Committee Meeting
April 21, 2021

Summary

Members Present: Michael Billings, Randall Brown (Chair), Hyacinth McKee, Steven Nguyen, Mary Tarver

Guests: Kathleen Cannino, Nicole Flores, Nicole Learson (Parliamentarian), Lynsey Hebert (Captionist), Jessica Michot, Bambi Polotzola, Susan Riehn

Staff: Marilee Andrews, Brenton Andrus, Ebony Haven, Courtney Ryland

With a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

The February 10, 2021 Executive Committee meeting summary was approved by unanimous consent.

The Committee discussed the following recommendations for full Council consideration:

- Receiving additional federal funds for specific COVID-19 vaccination activities. Need Council approval to include those additional funds to the $2,500 allotted for Activity 2.7.6 in FY 2021 Action Plan and allow staff to execute a federally approved activity with required collaborators.
- Ask full Council for topic recommendations for OCDD webinars.
- Ask full Council for celebration ideas of Council’s 50th Anniversary.
- A survey will be sent to all Council members about resuming in-person activities.

By unanimous consent, the Committee requested the staff to disable the “chat feature” on ZOOM for the Council meeting on April 22, 2021, but to still allow and read YouTube comments.

PASSED. Motion by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Mike Billings Ensure all contracts with the DD Council include language that address/identify cultural diversity and humility and that selected contractors are engaging in practices that are culturally inclusive.

PASSED. Motion by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Mary Tarver The request/solicitation for proposal advertisement process be inclusive of minority, women, and self-advocate-owned businesses.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM by unanimous consent.