

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

SUMMARY

Members Present: RaShad Bristo (Chair), Nicole Banks, Dr. Hyacinth McKee, Kim Basile, Jill Hano

Guests: Julie Folse, Lynsey Hebert (Captionist), Nicole Learson (Parliamentarian), Liz Gary, Charlie Michel, Brenda Cosse, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Kristie Curtis, Susan Riehn, Kelly Monroe, Corhonda Corley, Kathy Dwyer, Bambi Polotzola, Ashley McReynolds, Michael Billings, Christina Martin, Stacey Guidry, Tory Rocca, Karen Artus, Mary Jacob, Kristen Reed, Katie Corkern

Staff: Amy Deaville, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins, Brenton Andrus, Shandrell Stewart

With a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

The [July 21, 2021 Meeting Summary](#) was approved by unanimous consent.

Legislative Agenda:

PASSED. Motion made by Kim Basile, seconded by Jill Hano

Motion to accept these legislative agenda items:

- Cameras in special education classrooms and data and accountability of Cameras in Special Education Classrooms (Addressing the language in Act 456 of the 2021 Session)
- Appendix K exceptions – particularly, family as paid caregiver
- Funding for Comprehensive Dental for Adults with I/DD
- Support LAPIE’s legislation to fund post-secondary programs

No objections, no abstentions – motion carries

Re-Allocation of Funding:

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Nicole Banks, to distribute the funding equally to all contracts presented to the committee. During

discussion, directors of the Families Helping Families (FHF) Centers expressed an interest in the additional funding. Amy Deaville, Executive Director, expressed uncertainty about the restrictions around using these federal funds for a state general fund contract.

Motion Failed

Motion was amended by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, directs the Executive Director to explore whether or not these funds can be allocated to the FHF Centers that were impacted by the hurricanes (as priority). If the funds can not be used in that way, then the funds are to be distributed equitably among the other contractors of the DD Council. There was no second for the motion.

Motion Failed

Motion by Nicole Banks – moved that funds be allocated to all of our contractors, with respect to what is priority to the council as a whole (using a weighted percentage approach to determining funding). There was no second for the motion.

PASSED. Motion by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Jill Hano.

Motion directs the Executive Director to explore whether or not these surplus federal funds can be allocated, equitably, to the FHF Centers that have been impacted by the hurricane. If not, then the funds will be distributed to the other current contractors of the DD Council, using weighted percentages. Kim Basile abstained, Motion passed through majority vote.

Membership Committee Recommendations:

PASSED. Motion made by Kim Basile, seconded by Dr. Hyacinth McKee to accept the six (6) candidates recommended by the Membership Committee. These candidates are: Logan Davis, Vivienne Webb, Chaney Guidry, Kimona Hogan, Angela Harmon, and Christi Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.

Quorum at Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Dr. Hyacinth McKee expressed her concern that a lot of time and energy goes in to planning and preparing for meetings and some members do not attend, making it difficult to reach a quorum. She also expressed some concern about council members not keeping their cameras on during meetings.

Executive Director Performance Review

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

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Dr. McKee moved to postpone this agenda item to a special session of the Executive Committee called specifically for this purpose. Seconded by Nicole Banks. Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m. by unanimous consent.