

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary
April 20, 2022 1:00 - 2:45 PM

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Members Present: Nicole Banks, Kim Basile, Julie F. Hagan, Bambi Polotzola

Members Absent: Jill Egle, Hyacinth McKee, Crystal White, Mary Tarver

Staff Present: Marilee Andrews, Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Amy Deaville, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins

Others Present: Dana Foster, Lynsey Hebert, Tanya Murphy, Kristin Savicki

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. A quorum was not established.

Initially, approval of the [January Meeting Summary](#) was not able to be completed due to a lack of quorum. However, a quorum was established at 2:26 PM and the January Meeting Summary was approved by unanimous consent.

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

In [State Fiscal Year \(SFY\) 22 Third Quarter](#):

- Forty-one percent (41%) of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and seventy-three percent (73%) of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 406 individuals in the CCR and 355 in the FFF programs.
- Members expressed concerns about the information in the “Total Obligated” column. This led to discussion about the discrepancies between the way OBH and Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) report obligated funds. Ms. Tanya Murphy explained this information was shared with OBH previously but is happy to share the information again and partner with OBH to ensure clear guidance is provided to the Local Governing Authorities (LGEs).

Adult Program

In [SFY22 Third Quarter](#):

- Seventy-four percent (74%) of funding for the adult program was spent serving 147 individuals.

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

In [SFY22 Third Quarter](#):

- Sixty percent (60%) of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and seventy-five percent (75%) of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF)

program was spent assisting 2,943 individuals in the IFS and 1,856 in the FFF programs.

- At this time, LGEs have appropriated an amount equal to or greater than 9% of their State General Fund (SGF) to DD services as required in Act 73 of 2017.
- It was reported that the expenditures may be lower due to March invoices not being processed. Also, Acadiana (AAHSD) added \$300,000 to its IFS budget which would have brought down its expended percentage.

OCDD also provided a quarterly report detailing all IFS requests deemed “Approved Pending Funding”. As of March 31, 2022 there were three requests approved pending funding in whole and two requests approved pending funding in part. There were no priority one requests on the list. Concerns noted that some LGEs may wait to fund lower priority requests for fear that a more urgent need presents itself and this may impact individuals receiving needed services. Based on the report, some individuals were in need of personal care assistance (PCS) which the committee felt is not something that should wait.

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

In [SFY22 Third Quarter](#):

- Fifty-nine percent (59%) 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, a decrease of 12 from last quarter. Noted eight individuals on waiting list passed away before receiving services. Committee noted the length of time individuals have to wait for these services is concerning. Previous advocacy efforts to address the waiting list were shared with the committee, and members were encouraged to keep this issue at the forefront during the October meeting when the Council’s advocacy agenda is set.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM by unanimous consent.