

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary
October 18, 2023 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

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Members Present: Nicole Banks, Julie Hagan, Bambi Polotzola, Brooke Stewart, Mary Tarver

Members Absent: Kim Basile, Hyacinth McKee, Erick Taylor

Staff Present: Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins

Others Present: Nicole Flores, Dana Foster, Christi Gonzales, Jill Hano, Angela Harmon, Kelly Monroe, Tanya Murphy, Tory Rocca, Kristen Savicki, Sandra Trammell, Renoda Washington, Mimi Webb, Vivienne Webb, Vanessa Wells

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve the [July Meeting Summary](#) made by Mary Tarver, seconded by Nicole Banks, passed without objections or abstentions.

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

In [State Fiscal Year 2023 \(SFY23\)](#):

- 99% of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and 100% of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 3,626 individuals in the IFS and 1,955 in the FFF programs.
- All local governing entities (LGEs) with the exception of Northeast Delta (NEDHSA) expended at least 95% of their funding and will not need to submit corrective action plans to OCDD to ensure performance indicators are met for FY24.
- Most LGEs spent at least 100% of their Act 73 funds.

Members discussed the [FY23 IFS Priority Requests and Expenditures](#) report which provides a regional breakdown of requests by priority in addition to the types of services and goods provided and the cost. Over 4,000 IFS contracts were completed totaling over \$7.9 million.

- Discussion of disparities within regions for amount spent on certain services, specifically Personal Care Attendant/Respite and Vocational/Employment Supports.
- 34% of all funding was spent on PCA/Respite services and 17% was spent on Vocational/Employment supports.
- OCDD will follow up with all LGEs that have spent at least ten percentage points above or below these averages to discuss why they may be spending more or less

than their peers. Ms. Hagan stated she will also invite the Developmental Disability Directors from each LGE to the January meeting.

- This report will be added to the January agenda for follow-up.

In [SFY24 First Quarter](#):

- 15% of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and 25% of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 1,885 individuals in the IFS and 1,796 in the FFF programs.
- Ms. Murphy reminded committee members this report does not include all invoices for the first quarter.
- At this time, all 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.

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

In [SFY24 First Quarter](#):

- 18% of funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program was spent assisting 42 individuals.
- There are currently 89 people on the waiting list.
- \$2.2 million is needed to provide services to all on the wait list.
- At the request of the subcommittee, Ms. Monroe included in the report services those on the waiting list are currently receiving and those that have applied or are in the process of applying for services. It was noted not all on the waiting list responded to requests for this information.

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

In [SFY23](#):

- 94% of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and 99% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 992 individuals in the CCR and 374 in the FFF programs.
- Those LGEs that did not expend at least 95% of funds for CCR and/or did not have at least 90% of FFF slots each quarter will have to submit a corrective action plan to OBH.

During the July meeting, concerns were noted for FPHSA's low CCR expenditures. Final expenditures indicated only 57% expended. A corrective action plan was requested with a 30 day turnaround time. At the next meeting, Dr. Savicki stated she will have more information about their corrective action plan.

NEDHSA will not have to submit a corrective action plan. Dr. Savicki explained NEDHSA added additional funds at the end of the year, but did not expend those additional funds. They did expend 98% of their original funds.

Members also expressed concerns for an expense noted on South Central's (SCLHSA) report. They spent nearly \$7,000 on marbled composition notebooks. Members felt this

was a large amount of funding for notebooks, so Dr. Savicki will follow-up for clarity and report back to the subcommittee.

In [SFY24 First Quarter](#):

- 21% of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and 21% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 337 individuals in the CCR and 336 in the FFF programs.
- Dr. Savicki reminded committee members this report does not include all invoices for the first quarter.

Adult Program

In [SFY23](#):

- 100% of funding for the adult program was spent serving 284 individuals.
- No LGEs will be required to submit a corrective action plan.

In [SFY24 First Quarter](#):

- 22% of funding for the adult program was spent serving 76 individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM by unanimous consent.