

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council  
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary  
July 17, 2024 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

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Members Present: Nicole Banks, Christie Gonzales, Pasqueal Nguyen, Tony Piontek, Bambi Polotzola, Erick Taylor, Lauren Womack

Members Absent: Julie Foster Hagan, Brooke Stewart

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

Others Present: Cherie Aduli, Melissa Bayham, Mike Billings, Tamara Brown, Kristie Curtis, Erin Downing, Liam Doyle, Mylinda Elliott, Dana Foster, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert, Kasey Hill, Chanel Jackson, Kensie Lesseigne, Gena Lewis, Ashley McReynolds, Javonna Mercadel, Amy Miller, Kelly Monroe, Tanya Murphy, Jacki Pierce, Susan Riehn, Shenitha Smith, Nicole Sullivan-Green, Renoda Washington, Mimi Webb, Vivienne Webb

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve the [April Meeting Summary](#) made by Nicole Banks, seconded by Erick Taylor, passed by a vote of 4 to 2 without objections or abstentions.

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

In [State Fiscal Year 24 \(SFY24\) Fourth Quarter and Year-End](#):

- 100% of funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program was spent assisting 62 individuals this past quarter.
- There are currently 98 people on the waiting list. 36 individuals on the waiting list receive services and 32 have applied for or are waiting for services.
- Over \$2.8 million is needed to provide services to all on the wait list. This includes both state and federal dollars.
- Budget was overspent, but the Arc was able to utilize unspent funds in mileage and benefits to complete a home modification for a family on the waiting list. This allowed that family to be removed from the waiting list as their needs were met.

**Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Dana Foster**

**Consumer Care Resources and Flexible Family Fund Programs**

In [SFY24 Fourth Quarter](#):

- 94% of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and 99% of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 776 individuals in the CCR and 367 in the FFF programs.
- Most of the local governing entities or LGEs are on track to expend all funding. It was noted June invoices had not been received at time report was submitted.
- As a follow-up, Florida Parishes (FPHSA) was on a corrective action plan due to low expenditures last year. Their plan to expend funding was working as they are at 97% expenditures on CCR.

- Jefferson Parish (JPHSA) added dollars to their budget which reduced their expenditure amount, but they would have expended all funds had the additional dollars not been recognized.
- Concerns were shared about Northwest Louisiana (NLHSD) only expending 87% in FFF.

### **Supported Living Program**

In [SFY24 Fourth Quarter](#):

- 96% of funding for the adult program was spent serving 329 individuals.
- Capital Area (CAHSD) and Central Louisiana (CLHSD) have lower expenditures, but Dr. Foster felt this was not concerning as June invoices have not been reflected in the report.

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

In [SFY24 Fourth Quarter](#):

- 89% of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and 100% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 3,392 individuals in the IFS and 1,941 in the FFF programs.
- 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.

Ms. Polotzola reminded members year-end reports will be shared during the October meeting. Members were encouraged to review reports prior to the October meeting to help facilitate discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.