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BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Hi, everyone. We're just waiting to get a quorum. We'll come back once we have a quorum.

Hi, everyone. Welcome to the Act 378 Subcommittee meeting. I would like to call the meeting to order. Brenton, would you mind calling roll.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Sure. Ms. Banks.

NICOLE BANKS: Present.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Ms. Hagan. Ms. Nguyen. Mr. Piontek. Ms. Polotzola.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Here.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Ms. Stewart. Mr. Taylor.

ERICK TAYLOR: Here.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Ms. Womack.

LAUREN WOMACK: Here.

BRENTON ANDRUS: And Ms. Gonzales.

CHRISTI GONZALES: Here.

BRENTON ANDRUS: You have five and a quorum.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Thank you, Brenton. Before we get started I just want to remind you all of a few rules. For committee members and members of the public attending in person please raise your hand to speak and wait to be recognized by the chair before speaking. To help the meeting run smoothly please keep side conversations to a minimum and comments related to the topics we are discussing. For those committee members who are attending virtually remember you must be on camera and have your first and last name showing to be counted towards our quorum. Please keep your microphones muted unless called upon by the chair. Electronically raise your hand to request to speak and wait to be called on by the chair. For attendees electronically raise your hand to request to speak. Once recognized by the chair your microphone will be turned on. After speaking the microphone will be returned to mute.

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and A except for those individuals who requested the accommodation. As for order, committee members in person and virtually will be asked to speak first. Public members in person will then be called on followed by public participating virtually who have their hands raised. Comments and Q and A will be addressed last. As with all hybrid meetings it can be difficult to keep track of those wanting to speak in person and virtually. Please be patient. All comments and questions from committee members and public may be limited to three minutes or less should we run into time constraints so please keep that in mind. Also, comments about a person's character will not be allowed. Finally, members of the public will have the opportunity to provide public comment before each vote and during designated public comment periods. The chair may also use their discretion to determine if comments will be accepted outside of those times. Any questions? Okay.

So next item on our agenda is the approval of the April meeting summary. Everyone should have reviewed the October meeting summary which was attached to the agenda you received via email. There's also a copy in the committee packet. It's also online, right?

BRENTON ANDRUS: It is linked online and it is also up on the screen.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: So I need a motion to adopt the October meeting summary.

NICOLE BANKS: I motion to adopt the summary.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Okay. We have a motion by Nicole Banks. Erick, you second it?

ERICK TAYLOR: Yes.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: We have a second by Erick Taylor. Is there any discussion?

REKEESHA BRANCH: We have a hand raised, Ms. Gena Lewis.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Ms. Lewis.

GENA LEWIS: Yes, can you guys hear me?

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Yes, ma'am.

GENA LEWIS: I just wanted to make sure you guys were aware I was accompanying Dr. Foster in place of Dr. Savicki today. My name is Gena Lewis, OBH.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Okay. We can move you over to panelist, Ms. Lewis.

GENA LEWIS: Thank you. I'll click that now.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Is there any other public comment on the April meeting summary? Okay. Based on the updated public meetings law we will now do a roll call vote. Brenton, please call the roll.

BRENTON ANDRUS: So a yea is to approve the April meeting summary. A nay is to not approve. Ms. Banks.

NICOLE BANKS: Yeah.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Ms. Hagan. Ms. Nguyen. Mr. Piontek. Ms. Stewart. Mr. Taylor.

ERICK TAYLOR: Yeah.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Ms. Womack.

LAUREN WOMACK: Yea.

BRENTON ANDRUS: And Ms. Gonzales.

CHRISTI GONZALES: Yea.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Four yeas, zero nays. Motion passes.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Okay. Thank you, Brenton. The motion to accept the April meeting summary has passed by a vote of four to zero. Now we'll move onto the SPAS report. Kelly Monroe with the Arc of Louisiana is here to report out on this program.

KELLY MONROE: Everybody has a copy of the report. I see it's on there. Great. This is the last report for last fiscal year. We did use all of the funds but let's go through the beginning. This quarter we were able to serve 62 people. We had a couple of situations where we had some leftover money and we were able to take some people off the waiting list buying some home modifications and some vehicle modifications. So that's where that came from. And so if you look below it changed the demographics a little bit. There were 17 people who were identified as African American, and 24 Caucasian and one person who was Hispanic who received the services. Of those 28 of them were male and 14 of them were female. And changed the range of age from 31 years of age to 92.

Turn the page you'll see that regions one, seven and nine is where the majority of the people reside. So in region one there were 13 people who received the services there. Region two was ten. Region three was five. Region four was four. Region five is four. Region six is two. Region seven is 12. Region eight is zero and region nine is 12. So that was a total of

62.

If you turn the page all of them received, all 62 people received support coordination. Thirty-nine of them received personal care assistance. Three of them receive either rental or utility assistance. Thirty-seven, this was like the big hike, was the 37 people received either a medical stipend or equipment, some type of equipment. And then vehicle modifications and home modifications were nine of those people.

As I said we went a little bit over in this contract in direct services that we had allocated but we did not use all the money allocated for benefits and mileage and so we purchased another home modification so that's why you'll see the overage. But at the end of the day we spent the complete contract, went over a little bit, but technically not really when you look at the whole contract.

We turn the page. We have right now 98 people who are on the waiting list and most of those people are going to reside in regions one and two. If you look at the chart you'll see that region one there were 23 people waiting. Region two there's 22. Region three there's nine. Region four there's 15. Region five there's two. Region six is two. Region seven is six. Region eight is three. And region nine is 16. It's gone up by two people this last quarter. It was 96 this last quarter and now it's 98. And then the demographics of those people are on the next page. Forty of those people are African American, 43 are Caucasian, one is Hispanic, one is Caucasian Asian. And there are ten people who decided not to disclose. And so of those people 40 of them were male and 56 are female. And that's it.

On the next page is the services that they're requesting. So if we would serve all of these people it would roughly be about \$2.8-million. I don't know what that is in state general funds. I think it's probably somewhere around 700,000 but I really don't know because some people say it's 68 percent. Some people that you get the federal match and some people say 65. Anyway, we'll leave that up to OAS to decide. But below is something that you guys had asked for I think in the second quarter where you asked were people receiving other services and had they applied for other

services. That's what you'll see in here. That there are five people currently receiving LTPCS, eight people receiving CCW, six people in the NOW, 16 people receiving THSCI.

SPEAKER: Can you say what that is.

KELLY MONROE: Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury. One person in the Residential Options Waiver. And then one person who receives the supports waiver or the PACE program. I do not know what PACE stands for.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Programs all-inclusive something.

BRENTON ANDRUS: I think we looked it up last meeting and I don't remember.

KELLY MONROE: Yeah. It's a good service though.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: It's like a day program that has all the wraparound services in one place for the aging population. It's only in certain ZIP codes.

EBONY HAVEN: Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

KELLY MONROE: Okay. So 36 of them are receiving other services on the waiting list. That's it. Does anybody have any questions? I know that was super fast.

NICOLE BANKS: Can we go back to (inaudible). I see region eight doesn't have anybody on there but then they have people on the waiting list.

KELLY MONROE: Well, the person who was on region eight passed away. We had a couple of people that passed away. They both happened to be in region eight. But the waiting list is first come first serve as of right now. And so the next two people that came up off the waiting list were not people in that region. So if you see-- well, you won't see. But in the regions I have what it was last quarter and what it is now. And so actually there was nobody in region eight last quarter so it must have been the quarter before that when they passed away. But then there was zero last quarter in region four and then there's four this time. It just fluctuates. It just changes. But it is first come first serve.

NICOLE BANKS: And you said to serve all these people on the waiting list you need...

KELLY MONROE: I think it's 2.8-million roughly if we look at the averages of what we've been spending for the services it would be roughly about 2.8-million. It

might be less, who knows.

NICOLE BANKS: And how much (inaudible)?

KELLY MONROE: The full contract?

NICOLE BANKS: Yeah.

KELLY MONROE: I would have to go back and look and see what the whole thing is. I know the breakdown for this piece was the...

BRENTON ANDRUS: (Inaudible).

KELLY MONROE: Yes. Any more questions?

BRENTON ANDRUS: I had a question just for my notes you had mentioned y'all went over budget. You were able to pull from salaries, milage, whatever you had leftover which is great. You said you were able to use that for was it home modifications?

KELLY MONROE: Yeah, it was some home modifications. And they actually, that's all they needed was the home modifications so they're actually off the waiting list now.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Okay. Thank you, Kelly. Do we have any more questions for Kelly before we move on? Next, we'll be moving onto our behavioral health reports. We have Dr. Dana Foster and also Ms. Gena Lewis.

DANA FOSTER: Good morning. Can y'all hear me?

BRENTON ANDRUS: Yes, ma'am.

DANA FOSTER: So first we'll look at consumer care resources. As you can see there everybody is pretty much where they needed to be at this point in the fiscal year with the exception of a few LGEs but I would like to note that the June invoices and data and information hadn't come in yet at the time of our requesting this from the LGEs. You can look and see that Capital Area had 94 percent expended but we did talk to them about their plans to have the remaining funds expended by the end of June. You'll see Northeast Delta is at 98 percent which I think is pretty good considering. I would like to note that Florida Parishes was on a corrective action plan but they're at 97 percent so it seems like their plans to work around the barriers to getting the money expended is working. And then I just also want to note that Jefferson Parish you see them at 85 percent but they did add to their budget and I think that if they hadn't added to their budget they would have met that 100

percent indicator. Are there any questions about the consumer care resources tab?

CHRISTI GONZALES: So the 60,000 was what was added?

DANA FOSTER: To Jefferson Parish? Yes. Any more questions about that?

ERICK TAYLOR: (Inaudible).

DANA FOSTER: I'm sorry. I didn't hear that question.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: He asked what was the 60,000 added for.

DANA FOSTER: Let me check to see what they note that they added for that.

BRENTON ANDRUS: I think it says respite services.

DANA FOSTER: Yeah, it's respite services. And they note that their June invoices are due July 9th. And typically we anticipate always getting the final numbers from them before the new fiscal year quarter one reports are due but they noted that they added that for respite.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Nicole.

NICOLE BANKS: I do realize that we don't get these reports until after the meeting but when you guys do come to the meeting if there is some kind of like discrepancy where maybe they haven't reached 100 percent with July 9th that was I guess last week or so. Is there a way that y'all can still give us an update, not saying on the report wise, but just like if you know that they've reached their goal and they have something new that's not up on here that they've reported is that possible that we can do that so we can kind of fill that gap that we've always been missing?

DANA FOSTER: I can reach out to the LGEs and get that information and then if it's okay I can share that with Brenton. Is that all right, Brenton, if I can share it with you and you can share it with the rest of the council members?

BRENTON ANDRUS: Yeah, that's fine. More to that I was going to explain so October is always the meeting that you're going to get the final data of everything that was spent, how much they utilized, what services they utilized because we don't have a way of getting that information. But I think the general goal or the general target that OCDD and OBH have for consumer care

resources or for the individual family support program is at 95 percent expenditure rate. So as the subcommittee y'all can monitor if you see those percentages if they're super low at this point, you know, some are less than 50 percent and we know the year is closed out I doubt those June invoices are really going to make a big difference. It's those kind of things that you're looking at whenever you're looking at these reports.

DANA FOSTER: When we do get the information if it is lower than 95 percent then we do reach out to the LGEs and we talk about the plans. And if there is a corrective action plan that needs to be put in place we do let them know at the time. These numbers here seem to be pretty close to our performance indicator threshold so we didn't really see that there were any glaring significant needs to get anybody put on a corrective action plan. As I noted Florida Parishes was but their plan that they shared with us has been working and I think it's successful because they're at 97 percent at this point.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: And in regards to Jefferson Parish they're at 85 percent but that's because they've added more funding. So if you look at it their budget is almost double what anybody else is so they've expended more. To me that gives me comfort to know that they're trying to meet those needs and putting the funding there to meet those needs.

DANA FOSTER: We also look at past quarters the information we get from the LGEs. And I feel like I'm pretty positive that Jefferson Parish would have expended, they don't have problems ever expending the money that they put aside for these things. If they hadn't added more to their budget I'm sure they would have received 100 percent. That's why I didn't feel a reason to put them on a corrective action plan because of that.

So we're going to move onto flexible family fund. Similarly to the consumer care resources everybody was on track to meet the performance indicators. You'll see that North Louisiana was at 87 percent. We did reach out to them and asked them about what was going on there and we were advised that there was some families lined up but the time ran out before the

fiscal yearend and so their plan is to work with those families to get everything set up so that they can be first for fiscal year 25. And so they want to have them ready to go by the beginning of the current fiscal year that we're in right now. Anybody have any questions about that?

LAUREN WOMACK: So where does the money go that they do not utilize?

DANA FOSTER: Where does the balance?

LAUREN WOMACK: So they still have time to spend that money, correct? Or they're going to wait and that money's going to rollover to next year?

DANA FOSTER: It can, yes, ma'am. They have plans to work with those families that were on the wait list that they weren't able to get the stuff implemented and expended at the end of fiscal year 24.

LAUREN WOMACK: Just seems a problem to me that all those families were waiting for services. Is that alarming to anyone else?

NICOLE BANKS: You're saying they were waiting for services and they had the money sitting there. Is that what you're saying?

LAUREN WOMACK: To me what it sounded like is they just didn't get it to them.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: I remember us having a discussion, I don't remember, time flies, but several years ago about if you're with flexible family funds-- and while it seems like most of the LGEs have spent it all so they've had their number of slots filled for the majority of the year. I can remember a conversation several years ago where there sometimes can be issues, maybe it was like during Covid or something, where there's issues of them filling slots and like the process. They have to make an offer. They have to give time for the people to respond and sometimes that overlaps. So if you send an offer in April and if that person doesn't respond by the time you send out your offer to the next person then you've got a few months. So we did have a conversation about them setting it up to where in advance so you don't have that type of wait time. Am I remembering that correctly?

GENA LEWIS: Yes.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: So maybe just North Louisiana Human Service District maybe they can do a little

better job of thinking of that timeline to be able to get it filled. But it's not as concerning because 87 percent, it could be better, but it's not alarming.

LAUREN WOMACK: The only thing that concerns me is this was one of the things that we were actively advocating for with the senate and the fact that we're not-- do y'all know what I'm saying?

CHRISTI GONZALES: Expediting the funds in a timely fashion.

LAUREN WOMACK: Yeah. And then we're asking for more money. That was one of our top priorities. And on top of that try to find people that would even testify to the flexible family funds because that's personal. In my own region listening to some of those stories people are judgmental about one parent needs to use it to get her kid chicken nuggets, he's got a textual issue and that's all the child would eat. You think of like a senator listening to that is going to be like oh, my God, you need to like just get your kid over it, eat a chicken nugget. But you don't live that parent's life. Like you don't know for an autistic child you may have to hospitalize them because they won't eat. I find this issue, and I don't know that there's a solution to it, but these are some things I think maybe we need to think about when we choose our advocacy, you know, what things we can bring to the table and are we going to have enough testimony and stories. And if not if there's a way to get data, more data that's not HIPPA sensitive. Like a report of okay, this is just objectively by the numbers this is the money is what it's used for. These are what this percentage is used for. Rent, this percentage is used for extracurriculars. This percentage-- if we can't get the testimony that we need for those issues. Because I know our priorities, there are so many good things too coming up that we're not able to advocate for. That's just my thoughts.

EBONY HAVEN: Just to kind of piggyback off of what you just said, Lauren. I'm not sure we would even be able to get that data just because with flexible family fund it's just like that stipend that they get every month. I don't think that the LGEs track what they use that money for because it's flexible. It allows the family to use it for whatever they need like the

chicken nugget situation. So I'm not sure we would be able to capture specific data like that. We could capture like okay, what's a variety of things that families use this money for but I don't know if we would be able to get specifics.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Kelly and then Erick.

KELLY MONROE: I'll be really quick. I would just be really cautious in doing that because once you start doing that then people start judging what you're using the money for and then they'll start having some expectations put on it. Flexible family funds are just that, they're very flexible for the family to be able to use whatever they want to. So I would caution from doing that and collecting data on it. But all you OCDD people, close your ears. All the LDH people. You know what I mean. Once you start doing that there's some expectations.

LAUREN WOMACK: It's so hard to find people to testify. Well, so and so gets that money. Well, you can't help me. Once you blast what you're getting the money for. Erick and I were talking as people with a disability we're already afraid sometimes to advocate because you are scared to lose what you have.

KELLY MONROE: Choose wisely who you ask. Those people who are paying for like modifications to a vehicle that would be good one. Or people who are using it for medications that aren't covered that would be a good person to ask. I would just be cautious.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: And just to be clear this is flexible family funds and it's for behavioral health. It's not flexible family funds for OCDD which will be next. This is a different population and it's flexible family funds which is a specific dollar amount families get each month once that person, that child is approved. It's not like the consumer care resources and behavioral health or the individual family support that's in DD where you have to petition to request for specific things. So this is behavioral health and it's a monthly stipend for the families as they come up on the list. So that's what we're talking about right now. It took me about six or seven years to figure this out.

KELLY MONROE: I would still be cautious.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: All your points are valid. I

just wanted to clarify that that's what we're talking about. Erick, you're good? Thank you, Erick.

SPEAKER: (Inaudible)

LAUREN WOMACK: Thank you for being here to explain that. It helps.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Do we have any other comments or questions? Is that the end of your report, Dr. Foster?

DANA FOSTER: Yes, thank you. There's a tab for supported living.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Okay. Supported living. Now we do OBH supported living.

DANA FOSTER: There's only two notable lower numbers with 77 percent is Capital Area but they did share with us that their behavioral health consumer run dropping center has all the plans to expend the remaining money by the end of fiscal year 24. And that was supposed to be done by I believe July, maybe around this time. And then also Central Louisiana was at 90 percent but they had not received any of their June invoices by the time that we requested this information from them. But they do anticipate having expended all the money. Does anybody have any questions about that? Okay, that's it for me.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Thank you.

DANA FOSTER: Thank y'all so much.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Next we're going to be moving onto the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities report. Tanya Murphy is here to present.

TANYA MURPHY: Hey, everybody. I'm here in person. I'm not on the Zoom this time. Thought I would come in and see everybody's bright and shiny faces. So my report always sounds to be quite similar to what OBH-- it depends on who goes first. But I just also want to remind that when we send out this request for information to the LGEs the deadline that we give them is before the actual end of quarter four so it doesn't show all of the expenses for quarter four. But like Brenton was saying in October when we have our meeting then you get your actual final expenditures.

So we'll start with individual and family support quarter four. Even though they still have most of the June invoices come in most of the LGEs are spending at least 80 percent. Everybody is above 80 percent, which is outstanding. The total for the statewide is 89

percent and everybody will be spending the required 95 percent is my outlook on what's going to happen. Let's see if we have any comments from the LGEs. There was some shifting of money like Capital Area moved 258-dollars from their individual and family support budget over to the flexible family fund budget because they had one month it looked like they were short. Just little shifting of money but it really doesn't change the total amount spent. Otherwise most of the LGEs are just saying remember we don't have all of our June invoices yet. Any questions about individual and family support?

All right. Flexible family fund. So the only LGE that I noted was an issue was Northwest Louisiana Human Services District with 97 percent. And so I did want to talk to you guys a little bit about flexible family fund since you guys were talking about it. When I used to do the flexible family fund what we would do is look at the waiting list and the active who is receiving. Okay, this person's going to be turning 18 in August. So then we would take maybe the top five people on the waiting list and mail out your name is coming up and you would try to determine those five people are you eligible. And cross your fingers all five are eligible because then you're going to have four people that don't have a slot but once you determine their eligibility you just have to say okay, you're eligible but we have to wait for a slot now. So you don't want to do too many but you don't want to do not enough. It's a very, very right on the razors edge kind of game that you play. But you do try to anticipate out. And then what if you mail out all five and none of them are eligible or they don't respond and now you have a couple of months where you're not spending your 258-dollars. Some of the LGEs will date back. So like whatever date they mailed out the "you have a slot" once they determine eligibility if they takes a month then you're going to get two months' worth just to make sure they spend that 258 every month. So it's a very difficult game to make sure that you're spending 100 percent of that money. But you see most of the LGEs are incredibly talented at it.

You were asking, Lauren, you were asking what happens to the money if it isn't spent and I just kind

of wanted to speak to that a little bit. This state general fund amount of money is not given to the LGEs like a big check. Here's all your money so they don't spend it, they just have this extra money. They bill as it's spent and then the money comes to them. So if they don't spend it it didn't get spent and it just remains with the state. So the LGEs don't get extra because they didn't spend if that helps.

LAUREN WOMACK: Yes, that does help.

TANYA MURPHY: So with flexible family fund I know that with region seven that's where I used to work and talked to them a little bit about it and that's exactly what happened is they mailed out offers and they're trying to get these slots filled but it just didn't work. They're continuing to work on it and that's actually the comment that they put. We currently have five vacancies in flexible family fund and we're screening individuals. So they're working to get them filled. Questions about flexible family fund?

All right. Act 73. This is where we look at did the LGEs spend 9 percent of their state general fund on a combination of IFS, FFF. So the first thing we do is find out how much state general funds they got then we look at what is 90 percent of that and then we look at how much did each LGE budget towards these two programs. And then the next column is how much have they spent. And then the final column says this is the percentage of the 9 percent that they spent. So we're looking for 100 percent. You'll note that some of the LGEs put more than their required 9 percent towards the program so they've already spent beyond what's expected but it is anticipated that all 10 LGEs will-- they've all budgeted enough and are almost there with expended and I have no doubt that in October when I bring the report they'll have met the goal. And that's it for me unless there's questions.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Do we have any questions for Tanya? Come on y'all, give her some questions.

TANYA MURPHY: I'm just happy to explain absolutely anything. I've been doing this for a long time.

BRENTON ANDRUS: I don't have questions, but I just wanted to give a shootout to Metropolitan and Acadiana, Imperial Calcasieu, Central Louisiana, Northwest Louisiana, Northeast because they are not just sticking

to that 9 percent. And they have historically, most of those have historically, even before Act 378 was passed always put more money into those DD programs than others. So just shout out to them and thank them for prioritizing the DD community in those areas.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: And in October, just to be sure, we're going to be getting those expanded reports from OCDD like that has the breakdown, is that correct, of the expenditures?

TANYA MURPHY: I would like to know specifically what it is you guys want to see.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: By category.

TANYA MURPHY: The big FFF and IFS.

BRENTON ANDRUS: How many contracts, this is what was expended, this is what was budgeted.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: By each area. And that's the October meeting, right?

BRENTON ANDRUS: It's always the October meeting.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: So my point of saying that is to the committee members and to the public, those are posted online-- how many weeks ahead?

BRENTON ANDRUS: Usually the week before.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Okay. So like to come and have a meaningful meeting you can't look it at for the first time at this meeting. That has to be looked at and your questions in order for us to be able to really kind of dig into that.

BRENTON ANDRUS: And that's a good point because the last two or three years that report has been dragged onto the January, and even the April meeting sometimes, and it really bogs you down from addressing needs within that quarter because you're still talking about last year and I think a lot of that just has to do with folks not looking at that document ahead of time, not coming prepared with questions. It likely won't be me in October that sends it to you, whoever takes over this committee, but that person or myself can still explain some of this information to you if you do have questions when those reports come in that may help you better understand what you're looking at because it is a very massive report. Tanya sends us lots of data about IFS then we try to put it in a nice little neat package but it still ends up being a very big report with a lot of information.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: So if someone is very pushy, someone who is not Brenton and really is pushy about looking at those reports please do it. It might be me. I can be pushy.

LAUREN WOMACK: Do you know the date that they're posted?

BRENTON ANDRUS: So two weeks before this committee meets is whenever the state agencies sends the reports that you're looking at now. And so that will be around the time that I would get this annual data. And then the week after that usually by like midweek, so a week before we meet the Wednesday before everything will be up online and sent to the committee for review.

LAUREN WOMACK: Would staff send maybe like a reminder or something for us to get online?

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Well, he sends it to us.

BRENTON ANDRUS: If you're on the committee you get an email. And usually the October meeting I say read this. It's a lot.

LAUREN WOMACK: Okay.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: If we don't have any more questions for Tanya for OCDD we'll move onto announcements and public comment.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Do we have any public comment? The only announcements that we have are after lunch, which lunch is probably not here yet because we're finishing this up quite early. The next committee that will meet is Self-Determination at 1:00. It will be in this room for those of you that are in person. If you're online if you have registered you should have a Zoom link for that. So that's 1 p.m. 3 p.m. is going to be Education and Employment. And then same room. And same room tomorrow 8:30 a.m. for the full council meeting.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Does anyone on the committee have any other announcements to make? Tony.

TONY PIONTEK: Remember Ms. Christy Curtis?

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Yes.

TONY PIONTEK: I was added, I'm her assistant with all the council stuff with her and she just put a brand-new advertiser with my picture and she does these advertisings. So I just got it like a second ago and this must not have been a new thing. So I added you, Ms. Eb, to look into it. So I just got it before this

started from her so take a look at the email and you can share it with the staff. So I just got it.

And the other thing I've been a Louisiana Developmental Disabilities-- sorry. Our national congress convention is now happening in this month. It's in Phoenix if y'all knew.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Are you going, Tony?

TONY PIONTEK: Sadly, no. But NADD Council staff, Ms. Eb and all the staff here, next time it's in Dallas, Texas in 25 but to go on the website..

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: The National Down Syndrome Association conference.

TONY PIONTEK: Yes, it is. It's in Dallas, Texas in 25, next year. But immediately do it as soon as possible because registration happens so quickly and for our professionals here you do it a month before. Ms. Ebony, most of the staff on here can make it, it just happens you have to do it right away.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Thank you, Tony. And I'm glad that Christy has brought you on her team and I'm glad y'all are in my region so that's good.

TONY PIONTEK: Yes. Registration is flying out the window. That's what it's like every year.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Thanks for that update.

TONY PIONTEK: You're welcome.

BAMBI POLOTZOLA: Any other announcements? Okay. So I hereby adjourn this meeting at 11:20.