

Executive Committee Summary

July 17, 2024

5615 Corporate Blvd. Ste. 300A, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

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Members Present: Jill Hano, Christi Gonzales (Chair), Renoda Washington

Members Absent: Angela Harmon, Brooke Stewart

Staff Present: Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Lauren Brown, Stephanie Carmona, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins, Bridgette Talley

Others Present: Melissa Bayham, Michael Billings, Kristie Curtis, Liam Doyle, Mylinda Elliott, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert (Transcriptionist), Nicole Learson (Parliamentarian), Christina Martin, Ashley McReynolds, Jacki Pierce, Bambi Polotzola, Susan Riehn, Samantha Singletary, Erick Taylor, Mimi Webb, Vivienne Webb, Lauren Womack

Due to technical difficulties with establishing a quorum, Christi Gonzales called the meeting to order at 8:56 AM. A quorum was established.

The [April 17, 2024 Executive Committee Summary](#) was approved and accepted by a vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays and no objections or abstentions.

Quarterly Executive Director Evaluation

According to the Council Bylaws, the Executive Committee has to perform an evaluation on a newly hired ED every quarter. The Full Council will evaluate the Executive Director at the April 2025 meeting which is her anniversary date. Staff assisted in creating an anonymous survey in Survey Monkey and a compilation of the results was sent directly to the Council Chair, Ms. Gonzales.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:59 AM, the committee entered into Executive Session by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED

At 9:33 AM, the committee ended Executive Session and the public meeting was called to order at 9:38 AM. A quorum was established.

The survey results had very positive feedback including how the Executive Director is approachable and relatable, she is available to help and provide assistance at all times and how the Council is in compliance with the state plan mandates including advocacy, capacity building and systems change.

There was one area of improvement. The committee would really like to have a Council retreat to get to know other Council members better in order to work better together as a team and unit.

Consideration of 5-Year State Plan Development Process

The Committee discussed the Five-Year State Plan Development Process for the Council's next Five Year Plan: [FFY 2027 – 2031 Recommended State Plan Development Process](#). The State Plan Development process will include an 18 month research and planning process. Based on guidance from the Information and Technical Assistance Centers for Councils on Developmental Disabilities (ITACC), staff created a very detailed schedule for the committee to consider.

MOTION PASSED: The Executive Committee recommends approval of the Five-Year State Plan Development Process made by Jill Hano, seconded by Renoda Washington passed with 2 yeas, 0 nays and no objections or abstentions.

Consideration of Vendors for FY 2025 Action Plan Activities:

The Committee also discussed the proposals submitted for activities included in the FY 2025 Action Plan. The Council only received one proposal for *Activity 2.1.3* – Training for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities on how to navigate the Developmental Disability, Behavioral Health and Medicaid/Managed Care Organization Systems.

MOTION PASSED: The Executive Committee recommends approval of the Arc of Louisiana's proposal for Activity 2.1.3 made by Jill Hano, seconded by Renoda Washington passed with 2 yeas, 0 nays and no objections or abstentions.

The Council received two proposals to consider for *Activity 3.1.5* - Training of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities on transitioning to adulthood to include but not limited to financial literacy, health, waivers, employment and voting. After consideration of both proposals, the committee felt Team Dynamics had the better project summary and work plan to meet the desired goals for the activity.

MOTION PASSED: The Executive Committee recommends approval of Team Dynamic's proposal for Activity 3.1.5 made by Jill Hano, seconded by Renoda Washington passed with 2 yeas, 0 nays and no objections or abstentions.

A public comment was made about how to increase marketing coverage for the Council's Solicitation of Proposals (SOP) by sharing the SOPs with our Developmental Disabilities (DD) Network Partners, LSU Human Development Center and Disability Rights Louisiana (DRLA) so we can attract more interest in applying for our grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM by unanimous consent.