



Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Legislative Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Summary
Friday, September 27, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

You can watch the meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LADDCouncil/videos>

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Members Present: Cherie Kelly-Aduli, Constance Aplhonse, Jill Hano, Tory Rocca, Lauren Womack

Members Absent: Tony Piontek

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Ebony Haven, Bridgette Talley

Others Present: Melissa Bayham, Brian Bennett, Jackie Blaney, Bernard Brown, Konstance Causey, Kristie Curtis, Erin Downing, Kathy Dwyer, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Julie Foster Hagan, Lynsey Hebert, Meredith Jordan, Angel Magee, Christina Martin, Caroline Meehan, Kelly Monroe, Jacki Pierce, Bambi Polotzola, Lindsey Rhodes, Sharita Spears, Sandra Trammell

Lauren Womack called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. A quorum was established.

Meeting protocols and purpose of the committee were reviewed. The committee reviewed the following documents as they considered issues to be recommended to the Council for its 2025 Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

- [Guidelines for Advocacy Agenda](#)
- [Potential FY26 Cuts to Disability Services & Supports](#)
- [Legislative Kickoff Recommendations](#)
- [Community Input Received](#)

MOTION FAILED To recommend the following issue(s) be considered by the full Council for inclusion in its 2025 Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

1. Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
2. Addressing the impending fiscal cliff and potential cuts to the Louisiana Department of Health
3. Increase fines for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD)

Motion made by Jill Hano. Motion failed to receive a second.

MOTION FAILED To recommend the following issue(s) be considered by the full Council for inclusion in its 2025 Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

1. Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
2. Addressing the impending fiscal cliff and potential cuts to the Louisiana Department of Health
3. Amend legislation to create a policy requiring cameras be installed in all special education self-contained classrooms regardless of parental request.

Motion made by Jill Hano. Motion failed to receive a second.

MOTION FAILED To recommend the following issue(s) be considered by the full Council for inclusion in its 2025 Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

1. Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
2. Addressing the impending fiscal cliff and potential cuts to the Louisiana Department of Health

And to obtain more information about the impacts of increasing fines for ICF/DDs which may lead to additional advocacy around this issue.

Motion made by Tory Rocca, seconded by Constance Alphonse. Failed by a vote of 3 to 2 with no abstentions.

MOTION FAILED To recommend the following issue(s) be considered by the full Council for inclusion in its 2025 Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

1. Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
2. Addressing the impending fiscal cliff and potential cuts to the Louisiana Department of Health
3. Increasing the Direct Support Worker wage floor

And to obtain more information about the impacts of increasing fines for ICF/DDs which may lead to additional advocacy around this issue.

Motion made by Cherie Kelly-Aduli. Motion failed to receive a second.

MOTION PASSED To recommend the following issue(s) be considered by the full Council for inclusion in its 2025 Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

1. Funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers
2. Addressing the impending fiscal cliff and potential cuts to the Louisiana Department of Health

Motion made by Jill Hano, seconded by Constance Alphonse. Passed by a vote of 3 to 1 with no abstentions.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.