



## **Executive Committee Summary**

October 16, 2024

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

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**Members Present:** Jill Hano, Angela Harmon, Christi Gonzales (Chair), Brooke Stewart, Renoda Washington

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Others Present:** Crystal Benoit, Michael Billings, Kristie Curtis, Kathy Dwyer, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Marilyn Goodwin, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert (Transcriptionist), Mary Jacob, Chanel Jackson, Nicole Learson (Parliamentarian), Christina Martin, Ashley McReynolds, Kelly Monroe, Jacki Pierce, Tony Piontek, Bambi Polotzola, Susan Riehn, Erick Taylor, Mimi Webb, Vivienne Webb, Lauren Womack

Jill Hano called the meeting to order at 8:54 AM. A quorum was established.

The [July 17, 2024 Executive Committee Summary](#) was approved and accepted by unanimous consent.

### **Consideration of Mission Statement for New 2027-2031 State Plan**

The committee considered a draft for the new mission statement which included clear and more accessible plain language for the new State Plan beginning in 2027.

**MOTION PASSED:** The Executive Committee recommends the revised Mission Statement for the new 2027-2031 State Plan for full Council approval made by Jill Hano, seconded by Brooke Stewart passed with 4 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

*“To help Louisianans with intellectual and developmental disabilities live more independently, make their own choices, be more productive, and be fully included in all aspects of community living.”*

### **Consideration of Position Papers for New 2027-2031 State Plan**

The committee also considered updated versions of the Council’s Position Papers. Council staff made minor updates to the papers including adding more plain language so the papers would be easier to read and shorten them all to one (1) page. There were also updates made to any data that was included

in the papers to include current data for the new five-year state plan. The updated versions of the Position Papers include:

- [Community Supports Position Paper](#)
- [Self-Determination Position Paper](#)
- [Inclusion Position Paper](#)
- [Healthcare Position Paper](#)
- [Inclusive Education Position Paper](#)
- [Employment Position Paper](#)

**MOTION PASSED:** The Executive Committee recommends the revised Position Papers for the new 2027-2031 State Plan for full Council approval made by Jill Hano, seconded by Angela Harmon passed with 4 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

### **Consideration of Council Member Retreat**

The Committee also discussed the upcoming Council Member Retreat that was recommended at the July meeting. The Council staff recommended adding an extra day to the January 2025 quarterly meeting to conduct the retreat with the ultimate goal of Council members getting to know each other better and working together better as a unit. The Committee discussed the desire to have both a learning and training portion and a “getting to know each other better” portion by having a Self-Introduction activity similar to Partners in Policymaking.

### **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 9:24 AM, the committee entered into Executive Session by unanimous consent.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED**

At 9:48 AM, the committee ended Executive Session and the public meeting was called to order at 9:53 AM. A quorum was established.

The survey results were very positive feedback on what a great job the ED has been doing since hired. There was one area of improvement that the Director is currently addressing with the Council retreat. There was also comments and suggestions about how the Council staff can increase the Council’s presence on social media by collecting more pictures from contractors, getting short videos from Council members to create reels and maybe going “live” for some events/initiatives the Council is funding.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM by unanimous consent.