

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council  
Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee Meeting Summary  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025  
12:45 PM - 2:15 PM

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

View meeting [transcript](#).

Members Present: Brian Bennett, Cheri Crane, Julie Foster Hagan, Jill Hano, Cherie Kelly-Aduli, Tory Rocca, Brooke Stewart

Members Absent: Patti Barovechio, Mike Billings, Angela Harmon, Pasqueal Nguyen

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Stephanie Carmona, Ebony Haven

Others Present: Adrienne Burns, Brenda Cosse, Lillian DeJean, Erin Downing, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Marilyn Goodwin, Lynsey Hebert (CC), Chanel Jackson, Christina Martin, Kelly Monroe, Tony Piontek, Susan Riehn, Robby Smith, Zheng Xu

Brooke Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:53PM. A quorum was established.

**MOTION PASSED** Approval of the [October 2024 Meeting Summary](#) made by Tory Rocca, second by Jill Hano. Passed by a vote of 6 to 0 with no objections or abstentions.

**Recommendation for FFY26 Action Plan**

The committee discussed activities to recommend to the Planning Ad-Hoc Committee for inclusion in the Council's FY2026 Action Plan under goals one and two which will begin October 1, 2025.

**MOTION PASSED.** A motion by Jill Hano, second by Julie Foster Hagan for the committee to recommend the planning ad hoc committee consider the following activities for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 26 Action Plan and will offer this recommendation to the full Council for consideration

- Activity 2.3.1: Preventative Screenings for women's health to be added to Activity
- Activity 2.1.2: Remove conducting of research on sexual health for high school and middle school students and focus more on training opportunities for those students and their caregivers to cover topics such as puberty, sexual education, sexual development, and awareness.
- Activity 2.2: Include an activity that focuses on training for home and community based workers.

Passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with no objections or abstentions.

### **Recommendations for Five-Year Plan (FFY2027-2031)**

The committee discussed concept ideas and proposals for the Council to consider including in its next five year plan which runs through FFY2027-2031. Members considered the following:

**MOTION PASSED.** A motion by Jill Hano, second by Cheri Crain for the Committee to recommend the planning ad hoc committee consider the following items for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Five-Year Plan and will offer this recommendation to the full Council for consideration

#### **Implementation Strategies such as:**

- Transportation especially access to public transit systems
- Legislation and training for prevention/ safety measures for individuals with mobility issues or wheelchair bound as it relates to vehicle accidents
- Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) style leave for parents with children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Medicaid to cover electric and standard wheelchairs
- Abuse and Neglect Trainings
- Healthcare coverage for Direct Service Workers

Passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with abstentions.

#### **Non-Contractual and Contractual Activities**

Due to time, the committee was unable to review non-contractual or contractual activity updates. However, additional information about these activities can be found in the Council's quarterly [Status of Planned Activities Report](#) under goals one and two in addition to reports linked in the committee's agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15PM.