

July 22, 2021
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Banks
Patti Barovechio, OPH
Kim Basile
Melissa Bayham, LRS
Michael Billings
RaShad Bristo
Randall Brown (Chair)
Carmen Cetnar
Brenda Cosse'
Lillian DeJean
Jill Egle
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Roslyn Hymel
Mitchell Iddins
Jennifer Katzman, Medicaid
Hyacinth McKee
Steven Nguyen
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Mary Tarver
Temisha Victorian
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheri Crain
Matthew Rovira
Crystal White

STAFF PRESENT

Marilee Andrews
Brenton Andrus
Halie Belin
Amy Deaville
Ebony Haven
Hannah Jenkins

GUESTS PRESENT

Bobbye Abney
Karen Artus
Bridget Bergeron
Yakima Black
Bernard Brown, OCDD
Kathleen Cannino
Corhonda Corley
Kristie Curtis
Erin Downing
Mylinda Elliott
Nicole Flores
Julie Folse
Liz Gary
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Kasey Hill
Mary Jacob
Mellisa Johnson
Meredith Jordan, DOE
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian
Kay Lewis
Fernando Lopez
Christina Martin
Charlie Michel
Jessica Michot
Kelly Monroe
Susan Riehn
Tory Rocca, DRLA
James Sprinkle
Azadeh Yazdi

Chairperson Randall Brown called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

The April 2021 [Meeting Summary](#) was approved by unanimous consent.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

PASSED. Motion made by Executive Committee regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee was approved by unanimous consent.

Motion for the DEI Committee to recommend for the Council to expand the purpose of the DEI Committee to the following:

Make recommendations to the Executive Committee for consideration regarding:

- Addressing all emerging issues with regard to diversity, equity, and inclusion, meeting on an as-needed basis;*
- Supporting advocacy efforts for diversity, equity, and inclusion to enhance cultural competence and create an overall inclusive culture for people of color, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual identity and orientation, religion, and diverse language speakers;*
- Establishing, implementing, revising and revisiting policies that promote diversity, equity and inclusion that are aligned with the DD Act ([Association of University Centers on Disabilities summary](#)) ([statute](#));*
- Adapting to diversity and embedding an institutionalized knowledge of diversity, equitable practices inclusive of cultural competence and cultural humility in Council policies, procedures and practices; and*
- Dedicating resources to policies, structures, practices, and procedures to support DEI in the mission and work of the Council*

PASSED. Motion made by Executive Committee regarding Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee was approved by unanimous consent.

To create a Youth Leadership Forum that will teach and empower young people with developmental disabilities personal and systems advocacy skills and promote networking with other self-advocates so that they may become future leaders.

PASSED. Motion made by Executive Committee to ratify the [EY 2022 Action Plan](#) was approved by unanimous consent.

New Executive Committee Officers were elected as follows:

Chair – RaShad Bristo

Vice-Chair – Nicole Banks

Self-Determination/Community Inclusion Chair – Kim Basile

Education/Employment Chair – Dr. Hyacinth McKee

Member-at-Large – Jill Hano

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

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PASSED. Motion made by Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee was approved by unanimous consent.

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends Niagara University be selected to complete Activity 2.2.2 in the Council's Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Action Plan, beginning October 1, 2021, and offers this recommendation to the Council for consideration.

Standing Council Member Reports:

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
LSUHSC – Human Development Center
Disability Rights of LA
Office of Public Health (Children's Health Services)
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Office of Aging and Adult Services
Medicaid – Bureau of Health Services Financing
Governor's Office of Disability Affairs
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

By unanimous consent, the DD Council Summer Quarterly meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.