Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee Meeting Summary
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Members Present:	Kim Basile, Cheri Crain, Chaney Guidry, Julie F. Hagan, Jill Hano, Angela Harmon
Members Absent:	Patti Barovechio, Jill Egle, Roslyn Hymel, Matthew Rovira, Crystal White
Staff:	Marilee Andrews, Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Amy Deaville, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins
Others Present:	Rashad Bristo. Lynsey Hebert

Kim Basile called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. A quorum was not established until 3:08 PM.

Non-Contractual Activities

Julie Hagan shared multiple updates on behalf of the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the Bureau of Health Services and Financing (Medicaid).

Ms. Hagan shared the following updates with the committee:

- OCDD's major initiatives for Fiscal Year 2022
    - Ms. Hagan used this time to solicit feedback from members and the public pertaining to the department's major initiatives in Fiscal Year (FY) 23. No feedback from the committee or public was provided.
    - Initiatives the department planned to focus on include, but are not limited to:
        - Continuing work around COVID-19 flexibilities being permanent in waivers including updating waiver manuals and training for workers and participants
        - Working on electronic plan of care and the tiered waiver assessment tool to prep for eventual migration to a consolidated waiver
        - Researching what other states are doing and technology used for remote supports
        - Value based payments to help incentivize person centered planning and thinking which will require waiver amendments

        - Shared living model which is where multiple waiver participants may be able to share support staff because they may not need one on one assistance.
        - Continued prep for the Home and Community Based Settings rule which must be implemented by April 2023
        - Training for dental practitioners on the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
        - Training for direct support workers
    - She also discussed some of the legislation that is being debated at the Capitol, which if passed, would utilize quite a bit of the department's time researching and developing reports for the legislature.
- Update regarding additional home- and community-based federal dollars via the American Rescue Plan
    - It was noted that the department is still waiting for approval to implement one time rate increases for support coordination (SC) and direct support worker (DSW) and SC workforce recruitment and retention initiatives.
- Continuation of Appendix K exceptions
    - Linked document summarizes changes to be made including amendments to waivers.
    - It was noted the amendments for the Residential Options and Supports Waivers had not yet been approved.
- Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option or TEFRA
    - 510 applications have been received.
        - 94 approved
        - 393 being reviewed
        - 16 denied
        - 4 withdrawn by applicant
    - A workflow was released by the department to assist with understanding the application process.

Contractual Activities

The committee received multiple updates on contractual activities including Partners in Policymaking (PiP), LaCAN, Families Helping Families Resource Centers (FHF) and other initiatives of the Council that began with the Fiscal Year 2022 Action Plan. Additional information about these activities can be found in the Council's quarterly Status of Planned Activities Report under goals one and two.

Approval of the January Meeting Summary was made by unanimous consent.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM by unanimous consent.