

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary
April 30, 2025 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

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Members Present: Julie Foster Hagan, Pasqueal Nguyen, Tony Piontek, Bambi Polotzola, Brooke Stewart, Erick Taylor, Karen Xu

Members Absent: Christi Gonzales

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

Others Present: Gwendolyn Amelin, Jude Boynton, Brenda Cosse, Kristie Curtis, Mylinda Elliott, Alison Filce, Nicole Flores, Marilyn Goodman, Jill Hano, Lynsey Hebert (CC), Kasey Hill, Mildred Johnson, Kensie Lasseigne, Tanya Murphy, Christina Martin, Ashley McReynolds, Amy Miller, Kelly Monroe, Sherelle Porter, Susan Riehn, Kristen Savicki, Robby Smith, Shenitha Smith, Mimi Webb, Vivienne Webb

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 2:53PM. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve the [January Meeting Summary](#) made by Erick Taylor, seconded by Brooke Stewart, passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with no objections or abstentions.

Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) / Arc of LA – Kelly Monroe

In SFY25 Third Quarter:

- 66% of funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program was spent assisting 40 individuals.
- There are currently 105 people on the waiting list.
- Nearly \$2.9 million (with the federal match included) is needed to provide services to all on the wait list.

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Dr. Kristin Savicki

Consumer Care Resources and Flexible Family Fund Programs

In State Fiscal Year 25 (SFY25) Third Quarter:

- 56% of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and 75% of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 526 individuals in the CCR and 368 in the FFF programs.

Supported Living Program

In SFY25 Third Quarter:

- 65% of funding for the supported living program was spent serving 700 individuals.

OBH report showed Imperial Calcasieu Human Service District having a negative balance of \$10,582 in Consumer Care Resources and a negative balance of 35,913 in Supported Living. It was explained that this is due to a reduction in funding from a federal grant that was terminated. Based on the

information provided, it appears Consumer Care Resources, Supported Living and Flexible Family Fund are on target with their expenditures.

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) – Tanya Murphy

In SFY25 Third Quarter:

- 62% of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and 75% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 3,049 individuals in the IFS and 1,931 in the FFF programs.
- At this time, all local governing entities (LGEs), have appropriated an amount equal to or greater than 9% of their State General Fund (SGF) to DD services as required in Act 73 of 2017.

House Bill 559 by Representative Echols was discussed. This bill, as written, would bring the LGEs back under the control of LDH. The LGE directors would work at the will of the LDH secretary and surgeon general and be required to follow statewide initiatives. Currently, the LGE board is responsible for hiring LGE directors and making plans based on needs of their local community. By bringing hiring authority back under the department, it will significantly reduce the authority of LGE boards.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59PM.