

**Chairperson's Report
July 2020 Council Meeting**

April Dunn

Appointments to serve on Committees

Council members Kim Basile, Mike Billings, Randall Brown, April Dunn, Mary Tarver, and Crystal White, and non-Council members Liz Gary, Natalie LaRose, Charlie Michel, Susan Reihn and Jamie Tindle were appointed to serve on the Grievance Ad Hoc Committee.

Appointments to serve on the FFY 21 Planning Ad Hoc Committee include Council members Randall Brown, Hyacinth McKee, Bambi Polotzola, Chris Rodriguez, and Phil Wilson.

Ms. Dunn appointed Dr. Phil Wilson, Dr. Adren Wilson and Delery Rice to the Executive Director Search Committee.

Meetings Attended

- Executive Committee meetings – February 5 and March 16
- Executive Director Search Committee meeting – January 29 and February 11
- 2019 Council conference, Navigating the System Across the Lifespan - November 18

April Dunn passed away due to complications from COVID-19 on March 28, 2020.

Randall Brown

Appointments to serve on Committees

Hyacinth McKee accepted the appointment to serve as Council Vice Chair and Steven Nguyen accepted the appointment to serve as the Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee.

Kim Basile was appointed to serve on the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee consisted of Hyacinth McKee (chair), Kim Basile, Randall Brown, Mitch Iddins Bambi Polotzola, and Temisha Sonnier.

Mr. Brown appointed Kim Basile, Brenda Cosse', and Steven Nguyen to the Council's FFY2021 Planning Committee. The Council's FFY2021 Planning Committee consists of: Randall Brown (chair), Kim Basile, Brenda Cosse', Dr. Hyacinth McKee, Steven Nguyen, Bambi Polotzola, Chris Rodriguez, and Phil Wilson.

Appointments to serve on the Council's Five-Year (FFY22-26) Planning Committee include Kim Basile, Randall Brown, Lillian DeJean, Michelle Guillory, Steven Nguyen, Chris Rodriguez, Bambi Polotzola, Temisha Sonnier, and Mary Tarver

A full list of [committee appointments](#) is on the Council website.

NOW Fund

The Louisiana Department of Health, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities sought Council input on the use of the NOW Fund. The Council has a standing request to maintain at least \$1 million in the NOW fund to ensure adequate resources are available to have waiver slots available to offer to people in need throughout the year. Agreement was reached on using the NOW fund to avoid reductions to services during the pandemic.

Meetings Participated in:

- Emergency Management Disability and Elderly Coalition, April 27
- Meeting with Council staff regarding recommended practices and protocols for holding meetings via teleconference, April 22
- Executive Committee Meetings, March 16 and May 9,
- Disability Rights Day, May 23
- FY21 Planning Committee, June 9
- Executive Director Search Committee, June 12
- Membership Committee, June 24 and 25
- FFY22-26 Planning Committee, July 1 & 2