

July 16, 2020
Meeting Summary

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patti Barovechio, OPH/CSHS
Kim Basile
Melissa Bayham, LRS
Michael Billings
Randall Brown Jr.
Carmen Cetnar
Lillian DeJean
Michelle Guillory, GOEA
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Roslyn Hymel
Mitch Iddins
Jen Katzman, BHSF
Hyacinth McKee
Steven Nguyen
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Kristi-Jo Preston, LDOE
Chris Rodriguez, DRL
Matthew Rovira
Temisha Sonnier
Mary Tarver
Crystal White
Phil Wilson, LSH-HDC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brenda Cosse'
Robert Paddy

STAFF PRESENT

Marilee Andrews
Brenton Andrus
Halie Belin
Shawn Fleming
Ebony Haven
Hannah Jenkins
Courtney Ryland

GUESTS PRESENT

Jeff Arsenaux
Brian Bennett

Amara Blust
Laura Brackin
Donna Breaux
Kayla Brien
Kathleen Cannino
Katie Corkern
Corhonda Corley
Annie Cumber
Nicole DeJean
Sharon Delvisco
Erin Downing
Sharon Dufrene
Mary Durr
Kathy Dwyer
Jill Egle'
Mylanda Elliot, LaCAN Leader Region V
Nicole Flores
Liz Gary
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Kasey Hill
Robin Hjalte
Julia Kenny
Adrienne Lay
Carol Lee
Jessica Lewis
Caroline Meehan
Susan Meyers
Kelly Monroe, Arc of LA
Tonya Mott
Laci Polotzola
Ashley McReynolds
Charlie Michel, Bayouland FHF
Jessica Michot
Susan Riehn
Shonna Riggs
Tory Rocca, Advocacy Center
James Sprinkle, FHF Crossroads
Kelly Usery
Rebecca White
Kodi Wilson
Mandie Zaunbrecher



SELF-DETERMINATION ♦ INDEPENDENCE ♦ PRODUCTIVITY ♦ INTEGRATION ♦ INCLUSION

SUMMARY OF JULY 2020 MEETING – MOTIONS ONLY

Randall Brown called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Mary Tarver, seconded Stephen Nguyen, to approve the [January 2020 Meeting Summary](#) passed without objection, with no abstentions.

MOTION.

A motion was made by Crystal White, seconded by Kristi-Jo Preston, to establish an NOW Fund Ad Hoc Committee. Following discussion Mrs. White withdrew her motion.

MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Crystal White, seconded by Mitch Iddins, for an Executive Committee meeting to convene when requested to provide input into the use of the NOW Fund passed without objection; Patti Barovechio, Julie Foster-Hagan, and Jen Katzman abstained.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION PASSED.

The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to adopt the [SFY2021 Council budget as presented](#) passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED.

The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to reinstate the annual orientation of new Council members and refresher for existing Council members. passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED.

The Executive Committee recommendation for the Council to convene an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion practices and draft anti-racism statements and positions for the Council's consideration passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Mitch Iddins, for the Council to adopt the following position statement:

"As an anti-racist and ethnically unbiased community (entity), the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council affirms its commitment to recognizing, addressing and denouncing all forms of racism and oppression. We believe in the diversity of individual life experiences and employ inclusive practices regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, culture, age, gender and sexual orientation. We continue to aim to appreciate individuality and promote awareness to disrupt systems of privilege, inequality, and oppression."

passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

The Executive Committee recommended the Council consider having members sign confidentiality agreements and require applicants for Council membership to sign consent to release information for discussion of their applications.

MOTION TO AMEND.

An amendment to the motion by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Mike Billings, to strike out having members sign confidentiality agreements and from the original motion

AMENDED MOTION PASSED: To require applicants for Council membership to sign consent to release information for discussion of their applications passed without objection; Chris Rodrigues, Kristi-Jo Preston and Roslyn Hymel abstained.

A motion by Mike Billings, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to call the question and cast votes passed without objection, no abstentions.

Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee

MOTION PASSED.

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommendation to form a Partners in Policymaking Ad Hoc Committee to discuss finalizing the class of 2020 and how the class should look for 2021 and possibly 2022 passed without objection, no abstentions.

- Volunteers to Serve: Liz Gary, Jill Hano, Corhonda Corley
- Shawn Fleming agreed to push out volunteer opportunities to enhance participation.

MOTION.

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends including the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) and Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC) in the recruitment of LaCAN leaders, Council membership, and Partners in Policymaking passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED.

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends all contracts include language and objectives that education and outreach must be provided on LaCAN, the Council and Partners in Policymaking membership passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends sending the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option (TEFRA) public meeting information as an action alert to the Council's listserv .

MOTION TO AMEND.

A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to amend the motion to include (TEFRA like) passed without objection, no abstentions.

AMENDED MOTION AS PASSED.

To send the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option (TEFRA like) public meeting information as an Action Alert to the Council's listserv passed without objection, no abstentions.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MOTION PASSED.

The Membership Committee recommendation for the Council to consider submitting Rashad Bristo for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat being vacated in North Louisiana, and to have Yolanda Jewitt as the alternate candidate passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

The Membership Committee recommendation for the Council to consider submitting Liz Gary and Jill Egle for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat in Southeast Louisiana.

- Liz Gary requested her name be withdrawn from consideration.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION PASSED:

A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Mitch Iddins, to remove Liz Gary passed without objection, no abstentions.

AMENDED MOTION AS PASSED:

Recommend the Council consider submitting Jill Egle for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat in Southeast Louisiana passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

The Membership Committee recommendation for the Council to consider submitting Nicole Banks and Carolyn Burrell for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the seat in Region II

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED.

A motion by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Roslyn Hymel, to recommend Nicole Banks as the primary candidate for the Governor's consideration for appointment to fill the vacancy in Region II and Carolyn Burrell as the alternate passed without objection: Kim Basile, Patti Barovechio, Jill Hano, and Crystal White abstained.

FY2021 Planning Committee

MOTION AS AMENDED.

The FFY 2021 Planning Committee recommended for the Council to consider adopting the [Draft FFY 2021 Plan](#)

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED.

A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Lillian DeJean to amend Activity 2.7.3 in the proposed FFY 2021 plan to change 'police' to 'first responders' and add training for people with developmental disabilities on how to interact with first responders passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION TO AMEND.

A motion by Roslyn Hymel, seconded by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, to add an activity for training on early childcare centers in rural areas.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED.

A motion by Mitch, seconded by Roslyn, to request the FFY2022-2026 Planning Ad Hoc Committee consider adding training for childcare centers in rural areas to the plan passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED.

The FFY 2021 Planning Committee recommendation for the Council to consider granting the Executive Committee the authority to ratify FFY 2021 Action Plan after a 45-day public comment period and to select contracts after a Solicitation of Proposals for approved activities passed without objection, no abstentions.

MOTION PASSED.

The FFY 2021 Planning Committee recommendation for the Council to consider requiring proposals for Council funded initiatives to indicate how outreach to diverse communities will be conducted and assurance participation will include diversity relative race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, and all marginalized communities passed without objection, no abstentions.

Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option Presentation.

The Louisiana Department of Health sought Council input on the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option, similar to TEFRA coverage providing Medicaid coverage to children with disabilities who meet institutional level-of-care requirements regardless of parental income.

COUNCIL AGENCY REPORTS

LOUISIANA REHABILITATION SERVICES (LRS) – Melissa Bayham

BUREAU OF HEALTH SERVICES FINANCING (BHSF) – Jen Katzman

OFFICE OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES (OAAS) – Robin Wagner

OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH (OPH) – Patti Barovechio

OFFICE FOR CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OCDD) – Julie

Foster Hagan

DISABILITY RIGHTS LOUISIANA (DRL) – Chris Rodriguez

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Kristy Jo Preston

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS (GOEA) – Michelle Guillory

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER (HDC) – Phil Wilson

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF DISABILITY AFFAIRS (GODA) – Bambi Polotzola

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion to adjourn by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Michelle Guillory, passed without objection.

Randall Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.