

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Committee Meeting
February 10, 2021

Summary

Members Present: Michael Billings, Randall Brown (Chair), Hyacinth McKee, Steven Nguyen, Mary Tarver

Guests: Lynette Bech, Jackie Blaney, Kathleen Cannino, Konstance Causey, Tommy Comeaux, Corhonda Corley, Harlon Cowsar II, Kristie Curtis, Kathy Dwyer, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Julie Folse, Julie Foster Hagan, Lynsey Hebert (Captionist), Ashley McReynolds, Caroline Meehan, Kelly Monroe, Bambi Polotzola, Susan Riehn

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins, Courtney Ryland

At 1:01 PM a quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order.

Kelly Monroe with Arc of LA, Caroline Meehan with Community Providers Association, and Jackie Blaney with Independent Living Inc., presented the Executive Committee with an offer to collaborate jointly on a legislative item regarding wage increases for Direct Support Workers providing Home and Community-Based Services, but to delay this advocacy item until the 2022 Legislative session so that research and data could be obtained to develop a more informed legislative advocacy agenda item with a greater potential for success. These agencies also stated that they are not in support of the Council's current legislative item on this matter.

The Executive Committee agreed that collaboration with these agencies would be greatly valued and should be done for next year but chose not to take any action to change the DD Council's current advocacy agenda item regarding DSW wage increases.

Julie Foster Hagan presented the Executive Committee with an offer to collaborate to provide a webinar series educating DD Council members and the public on waiver services, policies, and procedures.

With unanimous consent, the Executive Committee agreed for Council staff to collaborate with OCDD to help facilitate these webinars.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:34 PM.