Executive Director's Report
April 2022 Council Meeting

New Council Member Orientation

On Friday, January 7th, met with new council members virtually to present information on the Council. Topics covered include: history of the Council, current Executive Committee makeup, standing and ad hoc committees, mission and responsibilities of council members. New members also received an orientation to parliamentary procedure by Nicole Learson.

Federal Reporting

Administration for Community Living required all Councils to complete Program Performance Reports (PPRs) for FFY 2020 and FFY 2021 by March 1, 2022.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Events

Collaborated with OCDD staff, The Arc of Louisiana, People First, and Special Needs & Parent Support Services of LA to develop a series of webinars/panel discussions on various topics. Webinar topics: Employment for Persons with Disabilities, Inclusion/Self-Determination, Success Stories. Facilitated the Success Stories webinar. Recordings can be seen at Governor's Office of Community Programs YouTube Channel.

Legislative Roundtables

Legislative Roundtables were held virtually for each region within the state throughout February and March to provide information to legislators and the general public on the Council's legislative agenda items.

Yellow Shirt Day

The first yellow shirt day since 2022 was held on March 23rd at the Senate Education Meeting where SB645 (Cameras in Special Education Classrooms) was being heard.

Meetings Attended by Council Staff
Ebony Haven:

January 26, February 11, February 21 – **Medicaid/TEFRA Visual Workgroup**

The purpose of this meeting was to review a Word document outlining the TEFRA application process and get feedback from our partners and family advocates

March 28-30 – **Disability Policy Seminar**

The Disability Policy seminar is a three-day annual federal legislative conference co-sponsored by The Arc, Autism Society, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Association of University Centers on Disabilities, National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, United Cerebral Palsy, and Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (the partners). The Seminar strengthens our federal advocacy efforts by having people from across the country come to Washington, DC to receive training and updates and visit their Members of Congress.

Sessions attended:
Advancing Employment Opportunities
What's Next for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income
Education for All: Education Priorities for Students with Disabilities
Investing in Home and Community-Based Services
Disability Funding Priorities

Criminal Justice and Crisis Response

Brenton Andrus:
February 28 – **LDH Stakeholders Meeting**
Attended a meeting Louisiana Department of Health and Council staff to review the department's 2022 legislative package and proposed budget.

March 9 – **OCDD State Advisory Committee (SAC)**
Attended the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) State Advisory Committee meeting on March 9, 2022. Multiple updates were shared from the Regional Advisory Committees and the department. Updates included, but were not limited to,

- Budget and legislative
- Appendix K Waiver Exceptions and COVID-19
- Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option (TEFRA)
- American Rescue Plan Act funds for home- and community-based services
- Comprehensive Dental Coverage for Adults on I/DD Waivers

March 10 – **GACDA Legislative Committee**
Attended the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs Legislative Committee meeting on March 10, 2022. Multiple groups and organizations shared information about their legislative platforms for the 2022 Legislative Session and reviewed legislation that has been filed which may impact the disability community. Committee took positions on legislation they will monitor this session.

Marilee Andrews:

- January 5, 2022 – O'Neill Communications, Devika re: employment seminars and disability videos
- January 7, 2022 – Council Member orientation (self introduction only)
- January 7, 2022 – Dr. McKee re: upcoming E/E Committee meeting
- January 10, 2022 – O'Neill Communications, Devika and Laura re: employment seminars and disability videos
- January 12, 2022 – E/E Committee Meeting
- January 13, 2022 – State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Quarterly Meeting
- January 19, 2022 – SD/CI Committee Meeting
- January 19, 2022 – Act 378 Committee Meeting
- January 19, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting
- January 20, 2022 – Full Council Meeting
- January 27, 2022 – The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) P2P Meeting
- February 1, 2022 – Ebony re: Partners in Policymaking (PIP)
- February 8, 2022 – Administration on Disabilities (AoD) Employment Technical Assistance (TA) Center (DETAC) "Advancing Competitive Integrated Employment Through Managed Long-Term Services & Supports" Webinar
- February 9, 2022 – FFY 2022 Action Plan Meeting
- February 11 – 12, 2022 – PIP February Session
- February 17, 2022 – The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Self-Advocacy (SA) Discussion Series: Higher Education
- February 22, 2022 – The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) DD Awareness Month Kick Off
- February 23, 2022 – Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)
- February 4, 2022 – Region 5 LaCAN Legislative Roundtable

- March 8, 2022 – FFY 2022 Action Plan Meeting
- March 11, 2022 – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Webinar Series: Employing Individuals with Disabilities
- March 16, 2022 – The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) DD Awareness Month Webinar: Innovation and Sustainability in Emergencies
- March 18, 2022 – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Webinar Series: Inclusion and Self-Determination
- March 22, 2022 – DIScovering ABILITIES Employment Webinar Series: Launch Webinar (O'Neill Communications)
- March 24, 2022 – Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities (ITACC) Improve Your Data Collection Efforts from People Representing Diverse Communities
- March 25, 2022 – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Webinar Series: Community Success Stories

Meetings Attended by Executive Director (January 1 – March 31, 2021)

- January 4 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan with OCDD
- January 5 – National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) weekly ED call
- January 6 – LaCAN Leaders Call
- January 7 – New Council Member Orientation
- January 10 – Meeting with O'Neill Communications staff and DD Council staff re: employment seminar series
- January 11 – Call with Council Chair
- January 11 – Call with contractor re: Customized Employment contract
- January 11 – Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee
- January 12 – Call with Meredith Jordan of LDOE (Louisiana Dept. of Ed.) re: cameras in special education classroom bill
- January 12 – Education/Employment Committee Meeting
- January 13 – Administration for Community Living call
- January 14 – HR 118 Task Force Meeting
- January 15 – Gave welcome address to Partners in Policymaking class
- January 18 – Meeting with Senator Foil re: Cameras in Special Education Classrooms Bill
- January 19 & 20 – DD Council Committee and Full Council Meetings
- January 24 – Attended LaPIE meeting re: SB192
- January 26 – Meeting with Medicaid staff re: waiver/enrollment processes and TEFRA Workflow
- January 26 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- January 27 – Call with Council Chair
- January 27 – Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities Peer to Peer Webinar
- January 28 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- January 28 – Call with Contractor and Deputy Director regarding contract
- January 31 – Meeting with LDH Budget re: paperwork
- February 1 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan
- February 2 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- February 2 – Phone Call with Meredith Jordan of LDOE re: cameras bill
- February 3 – LaCAN Leaders Call
- February 3 – NACDD Public Policy Meeting
- February 3 – Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

- February 8 – Meeting with LDH OTS re: server/shared drives
- February 8 – Region 2 Legislative Roundtable
- February 9 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- February 10 – LaPIE Legislation and Q&A with LaCAN leaders
- February 10 – DDC Engagement Call with Administration for Community Living
- February 11 – Meeting re: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Events
- February 11 – Call with Medicaid re: TEFRA Workflow
- February 15 – Training with LDH Budget re: Property Management Processes
- February 15 – Region 9 Legislative Roundtable
- February 16 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- February 21 – LaGOv Budget Training
- February 21 – Follow-up Meeting re: TEFRA Workflow
- February 22 – Region 4 Legislative Roundtable
- February 23 – Met with Jordan Keough, ED of National Down Syndrome Congress
- February 23 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- February 24 – Region 8 Legislative Rountable
- February 24 – Meeting re: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Events
- February 25 – Region 6 Legislative Roundtable
- February 28 – Meeting with LDH Leadership and DD Council staff re: LDH's legislative agenda and budget proposal
- March 3 – Region 7 Legislative Roundtable
- March 3 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan
- March 4 – Region 5 Roundtable
- March 7 – Meeting with contractor and DD Council Staff re: Partners in Policymaking
- March 7 – Regions 1/10 Legislative Roundtable
- March 7 – Call with Council Chair
- March 7 – GACDA Education Committee Meeting
- March 8 – Meeting with Council staff regarding annual plan and research
- March 8 – GACDA Transportation Committee Meeting
- March 9 – Attended Senate Finance Committee regarding LDH Budget
- March 9 – GACDA Accessibility Committee Meeting
- March 10 – Region 3 Legislative Roundtable
- March 10 – Meeting regarding DD Awareness Events
- March 11 – DD Awareness Event #1: Employing Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- March 14 – Meeting regarding DD Awareness Events
- March 15 – Call with Youth Leadership Forum Chair
- March 16 – GACDA Meeting
- March 18 – DD Awareness Event #2: Inclusion and Self-Determination
- March 18 – ITACC TA Office Hours re: changes to State Work Plan
- March 24 – ITACC Webinar Improve your data collection methods from people representing diverse communities
- March 25 – DD Awareness Event #3: Success Stories
- March 30 – Attended Webinar: "Disability Inclusion in APS: Past, Present and Future"