

Executive Director's Report
July 2022 Council Meeting

LDH 5 Year Strategic Plan

Submitted updates to the DDC's 5 Year Strategic Plan, per LDH requirement

Yellow Shirt Days

During this quarter there were 5 yellow shirt days at the Capitol advocating for legislation on the DD Council's legislative advocacy agenda.

Meetings Attended by Council Staff

Ebony Haven:

April 5, April 18, May 2, May 11, May 18 – **Yellow Shirt Days**

April 8 – **Planning Committee Meeting**

May 5 – **OIDD TA Institute: ACL Leadership Engagement and Updates/Fiscal Effectiveness**

May 19 – **Partners in Policymaking Meeting**

May 26 – **Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

June 9 – **Families Helping Families Contract Meeting**

June 10 – **GACDA Legislative and Education Committees**

June 14 – **GACDA Transportation Committee**

June 15 – **Full GACDA Meeting**

June 30 – **Legislative Debriefing**

Brenton Andrus:

April 6 – **Public Assistance Program Overview**

Attended the Public Assistance Program Overview for Louisiana Disability Stakeholders meeting on April 6, 2022. This meeting included presentations from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) on the Public Assistance (PA) program, including how non-profits can be eligible to access PA for declared disasters to assist families in need. More information about the PA program can be found at www.louisianapa.com.

April 7 – **Act 421 Stakeholder Meeting**

Attended the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) Act 421 (TEFRA) Stakeholder meeting on April 7, 2022. General updates were provided since the program was implemented in January 2022 including the change from a demonstration waiver to a state plan amendment which removed the potential need for a waiting list for this program. Stakeholders shared feedback regarding concerns received from families applying for Act 421.

April 26 – **2022 Family Empowerment Conference**

Attended the virtual 2022 Family Empowerment Conference hosted by Families Helping Families of Southwest LA. This year's conference focused on "Access to Services" and had guest speakers address topics including Early Intervention, Special Education and Assessment Rights, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services and what happens after high school, and Postsecondary options for students with disabilities. Great resources were shared about how families and individuals can access services regionally and statewide and expectations when utilizing services.

Meetings Attended by Executive Director (April 1 – June 30, 2022)

- April 1 – ITACC Q&A Call
- April 5 – Yellow Shirt Day House Appropriations
- April 6 – National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Weekly ED Call
- April 7 – LaCAN Leaders Call
- April 7 – National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Public Policy Meeting
- April 7 – Meeting with Melissa Bayham re: Employment initiatives
- April 8 – Planning Committee
- April 13 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan (OCDD)
- April 13 – ITACC Webinar
- April 14 – Meeting with Lillian DeJean and Dr. Jurisich (UL Life Program) regarding Youth Leadership Forum
- April 18 – Yellow Shirt Day House Appropriations
- April 20 & 21 – DD Council Committee and Full Council Meetings
- April 22 – Current Movement in Adult Protective Services Webinar (Wisconsin DDC)
- April 27 – National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Weekly ED Call
- April 29 – ITACC Q&A Call
- May 2 – Yellow Shirt Day Senate Finance
- May 4 – National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Weekly ED Call
- May 5 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan (OCDD)
- May 5 – 2022 OIDD TA Institute: Multiple Sessions
- May 10 – LDH HR Training
- May 10 – 2022 OIDD TA Institute: DD Council Messaging Importance of Their Work
- May 11 – Yellow Shirt Day House Education
- May 11 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- May 12 – 2022 OIDD TA Institute: Multiple Sessions
- May 17 – Meeting with Lillian DeJean and UL staff about possibility of having first Youth Leadership Forum at UL
- May 18 – Yellow Shirt Day House Education
- May 18 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- May 25 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- May 26 – Youth Leadership Forum Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting
- June 1 – Training regarding Leases for LDH
- June 2 – LaCAN Leaders Call
- June 3 – Meeting with Chair and Vice-Chair
- June 7 – Meet with LDH Grants Management
- June 7 – Meet with Julie Foster Hagan (OCDD)
- June 8 – NACDD Weekly ED Call

- June 9 – Training regarding Leases for LDH
- June 9 – Meeting with FHF Directors re: Deliverables for FY23
- June 10– GACDA Education Committee
- June 13 – GACDA Accessibility Committee
- June 14 – ITACC Peer to Peer Learning
- June 15 – NACDD Weekly ED Call
- June 29 – Act 103 Implementation Training
- June 30 – LDH Training on Lease Upload and Approval