Executive Director's Report
July 2023 Council Meeting

Legislative Session

DD Council's Legislative Agenda was overall, a success! Please see the LaDDC News regarding the legislative session outcomes here.

Yellow Shirt Days

During the 2023 Legislative Session, we had 9 Yellow Shirt Days and 16 LaCAN Alerts.

Meetings Attended by Council Staff

Ebony Haven:

Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs Legislative Committee (GACDA): Shared an update on SB201 (Act 393) that allows meetings of boards and commission via electronic means. — April 6, 2023 and June 21, 2023

Other Meetings Attended:

House Committee on Appropriations Presentation of LDH Budget	April 4, 2023
House Committee on Appropriations & Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee	April 18, 2023
House Committee on Appropriations	May 1, 2023
House & Governmental Affairs Committee	May 10, 2023
Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) Training Institute	May 10, 2023
OIDD Training Institute Sessions	May 11, 2023
House & Governmental Affairs Committee	May 16, 2023
OIDD Training Institute Sessions	May 16, 2023
Senate Finance Committee	May 22, 2023
House & Governmental Affairs Committee	May 24, 2023
Senate Finance Committee	May 26, 2023
Partners in Policymaking Graduation	June 3, 2023
GACDA Education Committee	June 19, 2023
GACDA Council Meeting	June 21, 2023
Partners in Policymaking Debriefing	June 22, 2023

Information and Technical Assistance Center For Councils (ITACC) Work Plan Training	June 22, 2023
Louisiana System Evaluation Stakeholder Meeting	June 26, 2023
ITACC Fiscal Training	June 27, 2023
LaCAN Legislative Debriefing	June 29, 2023

Brenton Andrus:
GACDA Legislative Committee – June 21, 2023
Attended the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs (GACDA) Legislative Committee meeting on June 21, 2023. Committee reviewed legislative outcomes of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session particularly those issues followed by GACDA. It was shared that approximately $100 million in additional funding being requested by Louisiana Department of Health was removed during the last minutes of session. It was also mentioned there has been discussions that the Governor will likely line item veto the $100 million reduction. There was language included in the budget that would, in theory, protect disability services, but there were concerns that disability services may be broadly defined and inconsistent depending on the group. An Ad-hoc was created to help come up with a standard definition of disability services to share with the department and other groups.

Meetings Attended by Executive Director (April 1 – June 30, 2023)

- April 3 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan (OCDD)
- April 4 – House Appropriations Committee – Presentation of LDH Budget
- April 5 – NACDD (National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities) Executive Director Update Call
- April 6 – GACDA Legislative Committee Meeting
- April 12 – LaCAN Call
- April 13 – Membership Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- April 13 – NACDD Workshop
- April 17 – "Overview of Accessible Formats" webinar
- April 18 – Yellow Shirt Day: House Appropriations Committee/Senate & Governmental Affairs
- April 19 & 20 – DD Council Committee and Full Council Meetings
- April 20 – Succession Planning Webinar - ITACC
- April 24 – LDH Pcard Training
- April 27 – Meeting with Meredith Jordan (LDOE)
- April 28– Aging and Disability Webinar
- May 1 – Yellow Shirt Day: House Appropriations Committee
- May 2 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan (OCDD)
- May 3 – NACDD Executive Director Update Call
- May 8 – Plain Language Webinar
- May 10 – OIDD Training and Technical Assistance Institute
- May 11 – OIDD Training and Technical Assistance Institute
- May 12 – LaCAN Call
- May 16 – House & Governmental Affairs Committee

- May 16 – OIDD Training and Technical Assistance Institute
- May 17 – Postsecondary Inclusive Education Advisory Council Meeting
- May 17 – OIDD Training and Technical Assistance Institute
- May 22 – Yellow Shirt Day: Senate Finance Committee
- May 25 – Meeting with Meredith Jordan (LDOE)
- May 31 – NACDD Executive Director Update Call
- June 5 – Easy Read Text Webinar
- June 6 – Meeting with Julie Foster Hagan (OCDD)
- June 9 – Nominating Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- June 13 – SPED Project Panelist
- June 14 – SPED Project Panelist
- June 19 – GACDA Accessibility Committee Meeting
- June 22 – Partners in Policymaking Debriefing
- June 22 – Developing Annual Work Plans Webinar
- June 23 – ITACC TA Office Hours re: Annual Work Plans
- June 26 – Louisiana System Evaluation Stakeholder Meeting
- June 27 – Fiscal Webinar for DD Council Programs
- June 28 – NACDD Executive Director Update Call
- June 29 – Meeting with LDH Legal re: Act 393 (Open Meetings by Electronic Means)
- June 29 – LaCAN Legislative Debriefing
- June 29 – Meeting with Meredith Jordan (LDOE)
- June 30 – ITACC TA Office Hours for Annual Work Plans