Education and Employment Committee Report
May 23, 2019 Council Meeting

EMPLOYMENT

Web-based Training Status update (Activity 5.1.5)
Paul Rhorer, with the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), provided a status update on the web-based training sessions in supported employment to build the capacity of up to 600 individuals at every level of the service delivery system. The fifty-hour intensive training course is built around a nationally recognized set of competencies from the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) and are approved by the Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE). OCDD met with the La. Rehabilitation Services (LRS) to ensure this training is accepted as part of the LRS provider requirements. OCDD will be tracking participation online.

Customized Employment Training Status Update (Activity 5.1.3)
Staff provided a status update of the training and a demonstration project in customized employment for individuals with significant disabilities.

EARLY INTERVENTION/CHILDCARE

Early Learning Center/EarlySteps Professional Development Status Update (Activity 4.2.3)
Dr. Toni Ledet, OCDD/EarlySteps, provided an update on the professional development opportunities for child care providers and EarlySteps interventionists to build capacity with including children with disabilities in Early Learning Centers within Local Communities. Requirements for participation shifted from teams serving a child with a disability to include childcare providers willing to take a child with a disability.

EDUCATION

Emergent education issues (Activity 3.4.1)
The Committee discussed the IDEA FFY19 Budget Proposal with consideration toward the public comment period ending April 26, 2019. The Committee did not develop recommendations for the Council relative to commenting on the IDEA FFY19 Budget Proposal.