Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee Meeting Summary
January 19, 2022 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Online Via Zoom

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Members Present:	Patti Barovechio, Kim Basile, Cheri Crain, Jill Egle, Julie F. Hagan, Jill Hano, Roslyn Hymel, Matthew Rovira, Crystal White
Members Absent:	None
Staff:	Marilee Andrews, Brenton Andrus, Halie Belin, Amy Deaville, Ebony Haven
Others Present:	Brenda Bares, Anastasia Boudreaux, Jordan Brisco, Corhonda Corley, Harlon Cowsar III, Kristie Curtis, Kathy Dwyer, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Julie Folse, Lynsey Hebert, Emily Kelly, Katie Kroes, Danielle Ledet, Christina Martin, Ashley McReynolds, Charles Michel, Kelly Monroe, Bambi Polotzola, Kristen Reed, Susan Riehn, Tory Rocca, Kimberly Stringer, Alishia Vallien, Kelly Zimmerman

Kim Basile called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. A quorum was established.

Approval of the October Meeting Summary passed by unanimous consent.

Non-Contractual Activities

Julie Hagan and Kelly Zimmerman shared multiple updates on behalf of the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the Bureau of Health Services and Financing (Medicaid).

Ms. Hagan and Ms. Zimmerman shared the following updates with the committee:

- OCDD's major initiatives for the year
    - Ms. Hagan asked for time at the committee's April meeting to solicit feedback from members and the public pertaining to the department's major initiatives in Fiscal Year (FY) 23.
- Update regarding additional home- and community-based federal dollars via the American Rescue Plan
    - At this time, the department is still waiting on CMS to approve their proposed spending plan.
- Continuation of Appendix K exceptions
    - Linked document summarizes changes to be made including amendments to waivers.

    - Stakeholder forum livestream held on November 10, 2021 can be found here and presentation slides here.
    - It was also reported the public health emergency was extended another 90 days, and the current waiver exemptions will continue six months after the public health emergency ends.
- Direct Support Worker (DSW) and Support Coordinator (SC) turnover data
    - Ms. Hagan noted the department did request continued funding for the recent $2.50 waiver rate increase.
    - Efforts will be made to isolate data in the turnover report pertaining to parents and/or family members serving as paid caregivers.
- Overtime in self-direction
    - OCDD is working with the Self-Direction Advisory Committee to look at the possibility of paying overtime in the self-direction program.
- Implementation of comprehensive dental for adults on OCDD's Medicaid waivers
    - Fact sheet was created to be shared in legislative visits regarding this issue.
- Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option or TEFRA
    - CMS approval received and TEFRA went live on January 1, 2022. To date, 228 applications have been received and are pending. The department developed a website for stakeholders to view more information about this program including steps to apply and eligibility. Questions about the program can be submitted to 421-CMO@la.gov.

Members also requested information related to the performance measures OCDD uses for its home- and community-based waivers. Ms. Hagan stated she would share that document with the committee.

Contractual Activities

The committee received multiple updates on contractual activities including Partners in Policymaking (PiP), LaCAN, Families Helping Families Resource Centers (FHF) and other initiatives of the Council that began with the Fiscal Year 2022 Action Plan. Additional information about these activities can be found in the Council's quarterly Status of Planned Activities Report under goals one and two.

Recommendations for FFY23 Action Plan

The committee discussed activities to recommend to the Planning Ad-Hoc Committee for inclusion in the Council's FY2023 Action Plan under goals one and two which will begin October 2022.

MOTION PASSED. A motion by Roslyn Hymel, second by Jill Hano for the committee to recommend the planning ad hoc committee consider the following activities/initiatives for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 23 Action Plan and will offer this recommendation to the full Council for consideration

- Individuals need assistance navigating the tiered waiver system
    - Possibly contract with someone knowledgeable about all aspects of the tiered waiver system to help individuals in the community and those trying

to transition out of intermediate care facilities or ICFs get the supports that best fit their needs.
    - Those in ICFs or those with SUN scores of 4 should have an expedited way to receive waiver services given their level of need or creation of an emergency coordination team at the state level to help individuals navigate through the waiver process.
- Addressing Support Coordination turnover
- Increase activities focused on youth advocacy and involvement
- Contract to get Youth Leadership Forum established

passed without objection, no abstentions.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM by unanimous consent.