Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary
January 18, 2023 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

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Members Present:	Libby Airhart, Nicole Banks, Jill Egle, Julie Hagan, Bambi Polotzola, Brooke Stewart, Mary Tarver, Erick Taylor
Members Absent:	Kim Basile, Hyacinth McKee
Staff Present:	Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Lauren Brown, Stephanie Carmona, Amy Deaville, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins, Anne Montelaro
Others Present:	Andrea Albert, Carlos Amos, Brenda Bares, Rona Burkett, Wesley Cagle, Brenda Cosse, Brandi Croft, Kristie Curtis, Liam Doyle, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Julie Folse, Nicole Green, Corlis Gremillion, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert, Kasey Hill, Ashley McReynolds, Charlie Michel, Kristen Reed, Tiffany Richard, Tory Rocca, Vanessa Wells, Lisa Wilridge

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. A quorum was established.

Approval of the October Meeting Summary passed by unanimous consent.

Approval to amend the agenda and allow the Office of Aging and Adult Services to present their report prior to the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities passed by unanimous consent.

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Gena Lewis
Children/Adolescent Program
In State Fiscal Year 23 (SFY23) Second Quarter:

- 34% of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and 49% of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 442 individuals in the CCR and 344 in the FFF programs.
- Those Local Governing Entities (LGEs) having expended less than 50% were asked to provide OBH with their plan to ensure funds are expended. Ms. Lewis stated the department felt confident those LGEs, not inclusive of those utilizing block grant funds first, will expend all funds by the end of the year.
- Ms. Lewis also stated the two LGEs that have open FFF slots are currently working through their waiting list to fill those spots.

- Members asked Ms. Lewis to share eligibility requirements to apply for CCR and FFF. She stated she would ask Dr. Savicki or Dr. Foster to share that information with the committee.

Adult Program
In SFY23 Second Quarter:

- 70% of funding for the adult program was spent serving 240 individuals.
- Concerns noted for Central Louisiana's (CLHSD) low expenditure rate (16%). Ms. Lewis stated follow up was completed, and CLHSD attributed this to missing December invoices. They expect expended amount to increase substantially once those invoices have been processed.

Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) / Arc of LA – Kelly Monroe
In SFY23 Second Quarter:

- 39% of funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program was spent assisting 42 individuals.
- There are currently 66 people on the waiting list, an increase of one from last quarter. Currently the waiting list is not prioritized (first come, first served).
- $1.47 million is needed to serve all individuals on the waiting list

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) – Tanya Murphy
In SFY23 Second Quarter:

- 38% of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and 50% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 2,407 individuals in the IFS and 1,828 in the FFF programs.
- At this time, most LGEs have appropriated an amount equal to or greater than 9% of their State General Fund (SGF) to DD services as required in Act 73 of 2017.
- During the October meeting, it was noted South Central (SCLHSA), Acadiana (AAHSD) and Florida Parishes (FPHSA) did not appropriate the full 9% to DD services. AAHSD is still short. It was reported AAHSD received a grant which inflated their State General Fund (SGF), but they were not certain they were going to accept the grant. They are trying to determine how this would impact their SGF and the 9%. OCDD is still working with AAHSD on this issue.

Ms. Murphy also provided members with a follow-up on the FY22 IFS Priority Requests and Expenditures report reviewed in October. SCLHSA had 75 open requests that did not get reviewed. This was of concern to subcommittee members. Ms. Murphy stated this was due to a data entry error that was resolved.

With regard to the use of "other" for coding IFS services, Ms. Murphy did follow up with the LGEs to ensure this was not overly utilized. It was noted that in some cases, other was being used to document administrative fees. This will be corrected as the fee is a part of the cost to provide the service and will be documented in the correct category.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM by unanimous consent.