

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary
July 20, 2021 2:00 - 3:45 PM
Online Via Zoom

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Members Present: Nicole Banks, Kim Basile, Randall Brown, Carmen Cetnar, Jill Egle, Julie F. Hagan, Bambi Polotzola,

Members Absent: Hyacinth McKee, Mary Tarver, Crystal White

Staff Present: Marilee Andrews, Brenton Andrus, Amy Deaville, Hannah Jenkins, Ebony Haven

Others Present: Corhonda Corley, Brenda Cosse, Kristie Curtis, Rosanna DiChiro, Kathy Dwyer, Nicole Flores, Liz Gary, Nicole Green, Corlis Gremillion, Lynsey Hebert, Kasey Hill, Mellissa Johnson, Alyssa Matthews, Ashley McReynolds, Charles Michel, Kelly Monroe, Tanya Murphy, Jennifer Pruvis, Susan Riehn, Kristin Savicki, Shenitha Smith

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 2 PM. A quorum was established.

Approval of the [April Meeting Summary](#) passed by unanimous consent.

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) – Tanya Murphy

In State Fiscal Year 21 (SFY21) Fourth Quarter:

- Eighty-nine percent (89%) of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and ninety-nine percent (99%) of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 3,468 individuals in the IFS and 1,870 in the FFF programs.
- Lower than expected IFS expenditures were noted for Acadiana (AAHSD), Imperial Calcasieu (ICHSA), Northeast Delta (NEDHSA) and Jefferson Parish (JPHSA). It was noted June invoices were not reflected in the report and expenditures are expected to be higher by the year-end report.
- All local governing entities (LGE) have appropriated an amount equal to or greater than 9% of their State General Fund (SGF) to DD services.
- Ms. Murphy stated she will analyze data to determine what impacts, if any, the passage of [Act 73 of 2017](#) has had on the delivery of DD services and will share her findings at the next quarterly meeting.

OCDD also provided a [quarterly report detailing all IFS requests deemed “Approved Pending Funding”](#). As of June 29, 2021 there were three requests with two approved pending funding in whole and one approved pending funding

in part. Two requests were from Region 9 (Northshore) and one from Region 2 (Capital Area). Ms. Murphy stated the large decrease in the number of cases on this report since she has been providing it to the committee is partly due to correcting data entry mistakes. Corlis Gremillion, with Capital Area (CAHSD), stated Region 2 might have a higher or lower number of cases on the report depending when it is pulled. Her team typically looks at approved pending funding cases each January and tries to fund as many as possible prior to the close of the year.

Members also briefly discussed the [FY20 IFS Request Data & Expenditures by Service](#) report from the previous meeting. Clarification was provided on encumbered funds and what happens to dollars that are unspent at the end of the year. It was again mentioned discrepancies in spending of IFS funds across regions based on the different service categories. Ms. Murphy stated this report would be analyzed further with the LGEs at their meeting later this month to determine if a cause for these discrepancies can be found. She will report any findings at the next quarterly meeting.

Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) / Arc of LA – Kelly Monroe

In [SFY21 Fourth Quarter/Year-End](#), ninety-five percent (95%) of funding for the State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) program was spent assisting forty-nine (49) individuals. There are currently fifty-five (55) people on the waiting list.

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Kristin Savicki

Children/Adolescent Program

In [SFY21 Fourth Quarter](#):

- Eighty-five percent (85%) of funding for the Consumer Care Resources (CCR) program and ninety-eight percent (98%) of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 1,639 individuals in the CCR and 365 in the FFF programs.
- Lower than expected CCR expenditures were noted for those LGEs with less than 95% funds expended (Metropolitan (MHSD), ICHSA, Central Louisiana (CLHSD), NEDHSA, and JPHSA). It was noted that June invoices had not been reflected on the report.

Adult Program

In [SFY21 Fourth Quarter](#):

- Ninety percent (90%) of funding for the adult program was spent serving 460 individuals.
- Again, it was noted that some of the lower expenditures were due to June invoices not being reflected in the report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM by unanimous consent.