Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Committee Meeting
July 19, 2023

NICOLE BANKS: Good morning, everyone. The meeting will resume for the executive committee meeting for the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

AMY DEAVILLE: Dr. McKee.

HYACINTH MCKEE: Present.

AMY DEAVILLE: Jill Hano.

JILL HANO: Present.

AMY DEAVILLE: Kim Basile. Angela Harmon. Nicole Banks.

NICOLE BANKS: Present.

AMY DEAVILLE: With three you have a quorum to proceed.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. At this time we will have Amy read our mission statement and ground rules.

AMY DEAVILLE: The mission statement is to increase independence, self-determination, productivity, integration and inclusion for Louisianians with developmental disabilities by engaging in advocacy, capacity building and systems change.

And the ground rules for in-person meetings. Members must be recognized by the chair before speaking. Silence or turn off all cell phones. No alphabets. Except as necessary restrict the use of electronic communication like texting during council and committee meetings. Discuss council business in a responsible manner. Be on time for meetings. Break 10 minutes every one and a half hour. Be respectful of each other's opinions. Side conversations are kept to a minimum, done quietly and restricted to the subject at hand.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. Our next item of business is the approval of the meeting summary for January 18th executive committee meeting which was distributed. The meeting summary will not be read unless requested by a member. Are there any corrections? Okay. The meeting summary is approved as distributed. All right. So the next item of business is our federal fiscal year 2024 annual action plan. The chair recognizes Amy.

AMY DEAVILLE: We put the 2024 annual action plan that was approved at the April council meeting out for 45-day public comment. We received one public comment. That public comment was emailed to all council members and is also included in your packet. And it's a little lengthy so I'm not going to read the entire thing, but it is regarding coordinated hearing and vision screening programs. And the commenter feels that vision and hearing needs to be considered in health and educational planning. And if screening is done, the information from the screening needs to be listed in the records accurately and with adequate detail to make the information useful. So that's the public comment. If at this point there is no action that needs to be taken in changing the action as (inaudible) at the last council meeting then we will just move forward with this action plan.

HYACINTH MCKEE: Motion to accept the action plan.

NICOLE BANKS: Yeah. There's no need for a motion.

HYACINTH MCKEE: I wasn't here the last meeting so. For the last two. Are you asking for a motion or you asking for any changes?

AMY DEAVILLE: Just stating if no one has any changes.

HYACINTH MCKEE: All right. Move forward. No problem.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. The next item is selecting vendors for the following activity proposals.

AMY DEAVILLE: All of the proposals are included in your packets. They were also emailed to all council members. We're going to go through them just in order of how they're listed on the agenda. The disability voting rights training proposal. We only received one from People First of Louisiana. And probably the easiest way to do it would be to get a motion to accept on the proposal for one activity before we move onto the next.

JILL HANO: Y'all, I'm discombobulated.

SPEAKER: Me too, Jill.

JILL HANO: So I have five copies of fiscal proposals in my hand, right?

EBONY HAVEN: Right. You should only have one for disability voting rights.

JILL HANO: And that's for People First?

EBONY HAVEN: Yes.

JILL HANO: Okay. I'm good now. Okay.

NICOLE BANKS: The chair will entertain a motion to approve the proposal for the disability voting rights training.

HYACINTH MCKEE: May I be recognized real quick, chair? The agenda says ratify FY 24 annual action plan vote and I made a motion but I'm being told that we didn't have to do that. But the agenda says that a vote was needed. So can y'all add clarity to that?

AMY DEAVILLE: Sure. It was my mistake, and the parliamentarian corrected my mistake yesterday. Apparently, you only ratify if it's a plan that's already in motion and this plan won't go into effect until--

HYACINTH MCKEE: So I think that's important that the public needs to be notified that the agenda does say a vote was needed and that we did not need a vote. The public needs to be notified of that. Is that a change of the agenda that we're going to remove vote from there? Because I don't want people to think that a vote was needed and it's not. You know what I mean?

AMY DEAVILLE: I'll note it.

HYACINTH MCKEE: That's why I motioned, right.

JILL HANO: I know we're pressed for time, but can you kind of take us through what's asked in this.

EBONY HAVEN: In the proposal?

JILL HANO: Yes.

EBONY HAVEN: You're talking about what we put out, what we were asking for. I'm pulling it up, Jill.

JILL HANO: I did not get a chance to read everything.

EBONY HAVEN: Okay. So in the actual SOP it says the goal of this training should be to educate and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to ensure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities fully understand the rights of voters with disabilities including the Americans with Disabilities Act. The requirements to comply with procedures for assisting voters with disabilities according to the provisions of law. The resources available if they have issues, i.e. accessibility, et cetera at their polling place including but not limited to hotline numbers and contact information for the

commissioner in charge. And people with developmental disabilities feeling confident in choosing the best option for them based on the options that are available. So we were looking for all four of those things. And the proposals, like Amy said, we only got one proposal for the disability rights training.

JILL HANO: Okay.

NICOLE BANKS: I will entertain a motion to approve the voting rights training.

HYACINTH MCKEE: So moved.

NICOLE BANKS: Second?

JILL HANO: Okay. I'll second. Wait, did you make--

HYACINTH MCKEE: Yeah.

JILL HANO: Okay. I'll second it.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. It moved. And second by Jill Hano. Is there anything further from the committee members? Is there any public comment? Are we ready for a question? Okay. The question is on-- Dr. McKee moves to accept the disability voting rights proposal by Peoples First and Arc of Louisiana. Second by Jill Hano. All of those in favor of the motion say aye.

{Collective aye}

NICOLE BANKS: All right. Those opposed say no. All right. The ayes have it. Now the motion is adopted and the Peoples First and Arc of Louisiana is selected. All right. Next activity (inaudible) education and employment. The chair will entertain a motion as to approve a proposal for (inaudible) advocacy and capacity in education and employment. And these are included (inaudible).

JILL HANO: But there's more from Ashley and Charley, right? Yes.

HYACINTH MCKEE: So we skipped the navigating the system for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and co-occurring behavioral health conditions? We skipped that one?

JILL HANO: That's next.

HYACINTH MCKEE: That's okay. I just want to know which one we're on. Are we going to stick with building advocacy, capacity?

NICOLE BANKS: Yeah. The script was just backwards.

HYACINTH MCKEE: Okay.

EBONY HAVEN: But you also had one from Bayouland Families Helping Families. Wait. You guys are on the education building capacity?

NICOLE BANKS: Yes.

EBONY HAVEN: Okay. So information was sent out about the Hogan law firm. I don't know if all the executive committee members received it?

HYACINTH MCKEE: Yes. We received it. So I know that that application is not being considered for reasons that was stated in the email, but I know you just want to make everyone aware that the application was submitted, it was reviewed, and it's not being considered. Got it. So now we have only two applications being considered at this time.

JILL HANO: I'm just curious because life happens, but-- never mind. We did get these before Monday so that's on me. Okay. Never mind.

HYACINTH MCKEE: Can we entertain a motion? Am I able to make a motion? I motion to accept the Arc of Louisiana's application for the making a difference through advocacy in education and employment and building advocacy and capacity in education and employment.

NICOLE BANKS: We have a motion on the floor. We need a second.

JILL HANO: I'll second it.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. It's been seconded by Ms. Jill Hano. Is there any update from any committee members? Is there any public comment? All right. Any questions? Dr. McKee moves to accept the Arc of Louisiana proposal for building advocacy and capacity in education and employment. All those in favor of the motion say aye.

HYACINTH MCKEE: Aye.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. All opposed say no.

JILL HANO: Wait. If she's proposing the motions and I'm seconding it, do we still have to all say aye?

NICOLE BANKS: Yes, ma'am.

JILL HANO: Okay. Sorry, y'all.

NICOLE BANKS: It's okay. All right.

JILL HANO: Aye.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. The ayes have it. The motion is adopted, and the Arc of Louisiana is

selected.

JILL HANO: For the education, right?

SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

JILL HANO: Perfect.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. Navigating the system for Co-occurring disorders. A motion to approve a proposal for navigating the system for co-occurring disorders?

HYACINTH MCKEE: Motion to approve Hustle and Grow LLC DBA Peer Supported Employment for the navigating a system for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and co-occurring behavioral health conditions contract.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. We have a motion from the floor. Need a second.

JILL HANO: I'll second it.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. Seconded by Jill Hano. Accept the Hustle and Grow proposal for navigating the system activity. Is there any debate from the committee members? Is there any public comment? All right. (Inaudible). All in favor of the motion say aye.

{Collective aye}

NICOLE BANKS: Those opposed say no. All right. The ayes have it. The motion is adopted, and Hustle and Grow has been selected. All right. Is there any public comment?

JILL HANO: So we have-- oh, I'm sorry. I have a question.

NICOLE BANKS: Yes, ma'am. You're recognized.

JILL HANO: So we're doing the Arc for voting. The Arc for education and the Hustle and Grow for the other thing?

SPEAKER: Yes.

JILL HANO: Speaking of navigation. Thank you.

NICOLE BANKS: All right. Is there any public comment? Is there any further business? If there is no objection, we will adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objection, the meeting is now adjourned.