



**Five-Year (FFY 2027 – 2031) Planning Committee
Meeting Summary (Part 1)**

August 5, 2025

5615 Corporate Blvd. Suite 500B,

Baton Rouge, La. 70808

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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View the [agenda](#) and meeting documents here.

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Members Present: Jill Hano (chair), Alaina Chachere, Angela Harmon, Tony Piontek, Robby Smith, Brooke Stewart, Erick Taylor, Vivienne Webb, and Karen Xu

Members Absent: Ayden Blunschi, Renoda Washington

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Lauren Brown, Stephanie Carmona, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins, Bridgette Talley

Guests Present: Patti Barocechio, Brenda Cosse, Kristie Curtis, Nicole Flores, Julie Foster-Hagan, Lynsey Hebert (Transcriptionist), Christina Martin, Gearry Williams

Call to Order & Quorum

Jill Hano called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. A quorum was established, meaning enough members were present to make decisions.

Overview of Planning Process

The committee was given a summary of what the five-year plan is about and how they will work on it. They reviewed the council's mandate and the planning process, including the timeline for the five year planning process, area of emphasis definitions, planning definitions, SMART goals and a quick write guide.

Review of State of the State Portraits

The committee then reviewed the of State of the State data for Louisiana across the areas of emphasis, including:

- Quality Assurance (Self-Advocacy)
- Education & Early Intervention
- Child care
- Healthcare
- Housing

- Transportation
- Recreation
- Employment
- Community Supports

State agency representatives also provided information.

Review of Reports

The committee reviewed the committee recommendations. These recommendations came from the standing committees of the council.

They also reviewed the concepts, which are big-picture ideas about how to make things better for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Concepts address change of public systems and programs, advocacy and self-advocacy development, and/or the capacity building of community supports and services.

Last, they looked at the public input report, which included ideas from the public forums, LaCAN, and a survey.

Initial Development of Goals

After looking at all the information, the committee talked about which areas of emphasis were most important to include in the five-year plan. Then, they started writing the main goals. The committee drafted three goals:

- Self- Advocacy,
- Health and Community Supports, and
- Education & Early Intervention and Employment.

Meeting Adjourned

There were no public comments. The meeting ended at 3:53 PM by unanimous consent, which means everyone agreed to end the meeting.