

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee Meeting Summary
Wednesday, October 29, 2025
12:45 PM – 2:30 PM

You can watch the meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LADDCouncil/videos>

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Members Present: Patti Barovechio, Alaina Chachere, Cheri Crain, Jill Hano, Angela Harmon, Cherie Kelly-Adulli, Tory Rocca, Gearry Williams, Karen Xu

Members Absent: Brian Bennett, Mike Billings, Ayden Blunschi, Julie Hagan, Frank Macaluso, Pasqueal Nguyen, Brooke Stewart

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Rekeesha Branch, Lauren Brown, Stephanie Carmona, Ebony Haven

Others Present: AnnMarie Bihm, Bernard Brown (OCDD), Kristie Curtis, Lillian DeJean, Erin Downing, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert, Chanel Jackson, Grayson Jackson, Jay Lastrapes, Christina Martin, Ashley McReynolds, Kelly Monroe, Jacki Pierce, Susan Riehn, Angela Roquemore, Nicole Sullivan-Green, Erick Taylor, Mimi Webb, Vivienne Webb, Tangela Womack (Medicaid),

Jill Hano called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM. A quorum was established.

MOTION PASSED Approval of the [July 2025 Meeting Summary](#) made by Alaina Chachere, second by Tory Rocca. Passed by a vote of 6 to 0 with 1 abstentions.

Non-Contractual Activities

Bernard Brown (OCDD), Tangela Womack (Medicaid), and Gearry Williams (OAAS) shared multiple updates about their departments. Some of these updates can be found in their agency reports which are included in your Council meeting packet and on the Council's [meeting page](#).

For the Offices for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), Mr. Brown reported the following:

- Rate study for home and community based services and Intermediate Care Facilities for Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD) has been completed. OCDD has not received the report for review but, should be getting it soon. Report completed by Miliman should include recommended rates and information about how the recommended rate was determined. OCDD will review the document to ensure it is easy to understand prior to releasing it to the public.
- The OCDD summit will be held on January 20, 2025. The summit will be live streamed for the individuals who cannot attend in person.

- Waiver amendments have been made for all four waivers to ensure the language is more consistent by using the same terminology.

Mr. Williams with the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) reported entering into a contractual agreement with an outside contractor to assist in addressing the community choice waiver wait list. The contractor will be asked to look different strategies that can be implemented to decrease or eliminate the list. Mr. Williams will provide more information next quarter.

Ms. Womack with Medicaid reported there are no major updates at this time other than the rate study spoke on earlier by Mr. Brown.

Contractual Activities

The committee received multiple updates on the new website and 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 2025 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 in addition to reports linked in the committee's [agenda](#).

Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM.