

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council  
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary  
January 28, 2026 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

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Members Present: Alaina Chachere, Jill Hano, Bambi Polotzola, Brooke Stewart, Erick Taylor, Karen Xu

Members Absent: Pasqueal Nguyen

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

Others Present: Troy Abshire, Herman Bignar, AnnMarie Bihm, Marcia Booker, Bernard Brown, Brenda Cosse, Brandi Croft, Erin Downing, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Lynsey Hebert (CC), Kasey Hill, Chanel Jackson, Christina Martin, Ashley McReynolds, Kelly Monroe, Jacki Pierce, Susan Riehn, Kristin Savicki, Shenitha Smith, Renoda Washington

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 2:56 PM. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve the [October Meeting Summary](#) made by Erick Taylor, seconded by Alaina Chachere, passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with no objections or abstentions.

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

In State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) 2nd Quarter Report:

- 42 people served during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, with ages ranging from 21 to 94 years old. 37 out of the 42 individuals receive personal care assistance.
- This year, SPAS is expecting to spend \$888,997 on direct services.
- 85 people are currently on the waiting list for services.
- Nearly \$2.5 million is needed to serve all on the wait list.

**Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Dr. Kristin Savicki**

**Consumer Care Resources and Flexible Family Fund Programs**

In SFY26 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report:

- 51% of Consumer Care Resources (CCR) and 49% of FFF program funds were spent assisting 827 people in CCR and 324 in FFF.
- Northwest Louisiana Human Service District (NLHSD) reporting was delaying in submission due to unforeseen circumstances. It was reported that this region is doing well and expenditure expectations are being met with no concerns at this time.

**Supported Living Program**

In SFY26 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report:

- 54% of funding for the Supported Living Program was spent assisting over 100 people.
- OBH reported, Northwest Louisiana Human Service District (NLHSD) reporting was delaying in submission due to unforeseen circumstances. It was reported that most regions prefer to wait

until later in the year to spend all of their funding. All regions are doing well and meeting expenditure expectations with no concerns at this time. An update will be provided to the council on next quarter.

### **Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) – Herman Bignar**

#### **LGE Spotlight:**

Acadiana Area Human Service District (R4) was allowed the opportunity to share a success story with the committee to provide a connection and clear outlook on how the services can benefit families in need.

#### **In SFY26 2nd Quarter Report:**

- 43% of funding for the IFS program and 50% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 2,451 individuals in the IFS and 1,869 in the FFF programs.

At this time, all 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. OCDD was pleased to report, as a whole all regions has exceeded the 9% requirement by a total of \$957,159.

During OCDD's report a committee member requested a follow up from the last quarterly meeting on the excessive use of the "other" category in the IFS Expenditure Report and the potential for inaccuracies. OCDD stated they will provide a follow-up in the next quarterly meeting after getting with LGE's to come up with more appropriate categories to add to their list to avoid the over usage of the "other" option.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.