

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary
April 15, 2026 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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Members Present: 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: Ayden Blunski, Herman Bignar, Marcia Booker, Brenda Cosse, Brandi Croft, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, Lynsey Hebert (CC), Kensie Lasseigne, Jacki Pierce, Paul Rhour, Susan Riehn, Kristin Savicki, Shenitha Smith, Nicole Sullivan-Green

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve the [January Meeting Summary](#) made by Erick Taylor, seconded by Jill Hano, passed with no objections or abstentions.

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

LGE Spotlight:

South Central Human Service District (R3) was allowed the opportunity to share a success stories with the committee to provide a connection and clear outlook on how the services can benefit families in need.

In SFY26 3rd Quarter Report:

- 61% of funding for the IFS program and 75% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 2,866 individuals in the IFS and 2,581 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 \$9,280,752 expended.

OCDD provided a follow-up on the concerns of the excessive use of “other” in the IFS Expenditure Report and the potential for inaccuracies. To address this concern, OCDD added 7 new categories to provide a better description of the participant’s requests.

The 7 added categories are:

- Summer, Fall, Holiday Activity
- Day Program
- “SIL” for Supervised Independent Living
- Therapy
- Medication & Related Supplies
- Lodging/ Travel
- Extermination Services

OCDD was made aware of an ongoing concern with several family's unhappiness with the wait time of IFS request/ results when the request has been submitted by support coordination. The committee asked that OCDD address this concern by creating a structured timeline for request submission for all support coordination agencies. Mr. Bignar stated, he will ensure this concern is addressed in the next LGE/ Support Coordination quarterly meeting and provide us with an update next quarter.

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Dr. Kristin Savicki
Consumer Care Resources and Flexible Family Fund Programs

In SFY26 3rd Quarter Report:

- 65% of Consumer Care Resources (CCR) and 74% of FFF program funds were spent assisting 1,896 people in CCR and 355 in FFF.
- It was reported, all regions are currently on track in reaching their deliverables by the end of the fiscal year.

Supported Living Program

In SFY26 3rd Quarter Report:

- 77% of funding for the Supported Living Program was spent assisting 2,843 people.
- Capitol Area Human Service District expended a total of \$4,144.50 during the 3rd quarter due to the consumer Run Day Treatment Center reporting 2,705 non-duplicative direct service clients having a total of 9,995 service hours delivered (including case management).
- All regions are currently on track in reaching their deliverables by the end of the fiscal year.

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

Kelly Monroe from the Office of Aging and Adult Services was unable to attend the meeting but she did provide a 3rd quarter report for review. This report can be found [linked](#) on the Council's meetings webpage if you would like to review.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM.