

FFY27 Planning Ad Hoc Committee Summary

Friday March 20, 2026

4354 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.

Suite 200 Baton Rouge, La. 70816

4:15 PM – 6:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom/ [Virtual Meeting Protocols](#)

Streaming Live on [YouTube](#)

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Members Present: Ayden Blunsch (Chair), Constance Alphonse, Jill Hano, Lamartine Meda, Erick Taylor, Karen Xu

Members Absent:

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

Others Present: AnnMarie Bihm, Brenda Cossé, Nicole DeJean, Rowan DeJean, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert (transcriptionist), Jacki Pierce, Bambi Polotzola, Susan Riehn

Call to Order & Quorum

Ayden Blunsch called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. A quorum was established, meaning enough members were present to make decisions.

Approval of Previous Meeting Summary

Lamar Meda moved to approve the March meeting summary. Constance Alphonse seconded the motion. The March meeting summary was approved by unanimous consent.

Draft FFY2027 Plan and Budget Review

Staff reviewed:

- Draft FFY2027 State Plan
- Draft Budget
- Planning Status Report

The committee focused on allocating remaining funds and refining proposed activities.

During the meeting, the committee kept the funding at its current level for these activities:

- 1.1.1 Partners in Policymaking
- 1.1.2 LaCAN
- 1.1.3 Advocacy Events
- 1.1.7 Youth Leadership Forum
- 1.2.1 People First

The committee also added funding to new activities in this five-year plan:

- 2.1.2 Early Identification \$10,000
- 2.2.2 Transportation Study \$45,000
- 2.2.3 Emergency Plans \$50,000
- 3.1.3 Transition Planning \$59,000
- 3.1.4 Childcare Training \$50,000
- 3.2.1 Job Fair \$45,000

Non-Contractual Activities Review

The committee reviewed all non-contractual activities in the planning status report and generally agreed to:

- Continue existing activities where recommended.
- Move activities to new goal/objective areas as needed.
- Simplify wording using plain language.
- Remove activities related to emergent issues that are now covered under the new emergency preparedness objective.
- Maintain stakeholder input activities under each goal area.
- Continue advocacy, information-sharing, leadership development, and Families Helping Families support activities.

Motion on FFY2027 State Plan

Constance Alphonse motioned to send the draft FFY2027 State Plan to the full Council for consideration. Seconded by: Jill Hano.

Announcements

Executive Committee Meeting: April 30, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Full Council Meeting: April 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned

There were no public comments. The meeting ended at 11:54 AM with no objections.