

Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4354 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Ste. 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

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

View meeting [transcript](#).

Members Present: Jill Hano, Bambi Polotzola, Brooke Stewart, Erick Taylor

Members Absent: Pasqueal Nguyen, Karen Xu

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

Others Present: Marcia Booker, Brandi Croft, Erin Downing, Liam Doyle, Mylinda Elliott, Nicole Flores, April Hampton, Lynsey Hebert (CC), Chanel Jackson, Erika Joseph, Gena Lewis, Mary Manuel, Ashley McReynolds, Amy Miller, Kelly Monroe, LaAnnaya Natan, Jacki Pierce, Susan Riehn, Nicole Sullivan-Green, Renoda Washington

Call to Order & Quorum

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 2:51 PM. A quorum was established, meaning enough members were present to make decisions.

Meeting Summary Approval

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

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) – Bernard Brown

LGE Spotlight:

Northwest Louisiana Human Service District (R7) was allowed the opportunity to share a few success stories with the committee to provide clear outlook on how the services benefit families in their area.

In SFY26 4th Quarter Report:

- 95% of funding for the IFS program and 100% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 3,855 individuals in the IFS and 2,675 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 that all regions have exceeded the 9% requirement by a total of \$13,707,576 expended.

OCDD provided a follow-up on the concerns expressed last quarter in reference to timely submissions of Family Support Applications by Support Coordination. Mr. Brown stated timelines have always been

in place and if a family is experiencing challenges with getting a timely response, they should contact their Local Governing Entity (LGE) for assistance.

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Marcia Booker

Consumer Care Resources and Flexible Family Fund Programs

In SFY26 4th Quarter Report:

- 92% of Consumer Care Resources (CCR) and 99% of FFF program funds were spent assisting 2,102 people in CCR and 371 in FFF.
- It was reported that Central Louisiana and Northeast Delta Human Service District will be submitting corrective action plans for not expending at least 90% of their funding in Consumer Care Resources. Within the Flexible Family Fund Program, Northwest Louisiana Human Service District will also be required to submit a corrective action plan for not filling all budgeted slots.

Supported Living Program

In SFY26 4th Quarter Report:

- 100% of funding for the Supported Living Program was spent assisting 1,795 people.
- All regions have reached their deliverables for 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 reported this fiscal year they left close to \$10,000 unused in their budget. She explained this was due to 6 people passing away. Individuals have been selected from the waiting list to take these slots however; this process does take time. Mrs. Monroe also shared they have 77 people on the waiting list and it would take approximately \$2.1million dollars (\$500,000 to \$700,000 in state general funds) to serve everyone. She also reported there will not be a change in their budget for Fiscal Year 27. They have been awarded the same funding as this year (\$888,997).

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.