LOUISIANA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

Act 378 Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4354 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Ste. 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
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Members Present: Jill Hano, Bernard Brown, Frank Macaluso, Bambi Polotzola, Erick Taylor

Members Absent: Karen Xu

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

Others Present: Ayden Blunschi, Marcia Booker, Adrienne Burns, Brandi Croft, Misty Dezendorf, Mylinda Elliott, Leonard Ford, April Hampton, Landon Hanks, Lynsey Hebert (CC), Chanel Jackson, Erika Joseph, Christina Martin, Kelly Monroe, Susan Riehn, Kristin Savicki, Nicole Sullivan-Green, Renoda Washington

Call to Order & Quorum

Bambi Polotzola called the meeting to order at 2:52 PM. A quorum was established, meaning enough members were present to make decisions.

Meeting Summary Approval

Motion to approve the July Meeting Summary made by Erick Taylor, seconded by Jill Hano, passed with no objections or abstentions.

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

LGE Spotlight:
Central Louisiana Human Service District (R6) 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 State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26):

- 99% of funding for the Individual and Family Support (IFS) program and 100% of funding for the Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program was spent assisting 3,808 individuals in the IFS and 1,968 in the FFF programs.
- All local governing entities (LGEs) expended over 95% of their funding and will not need to submit corrective action plans to OCDD to ensure performance indicators are met for FY27.
- Most LGEs spent at least 100% of their Act 73 funds. Metropolitan Human Service District (MHSD) spent 99%, South Central (SCLHSA) spent 99%, Imperial Calcasieu Human Service District (IMCAL) spent 98% and Central Louisiana Human Service District (CLHSD) spent 96%.

Members discussed the FY26 IFS Priority Requests and Expenditures report which provides a regional breakdown of requests by priority in addition to the types of services and goods provided and the cost. 4,754 IFS contracts were completed with over $7.5 million spent.

A concern was brought to the committee about potential inaccuracies in the IFS Priority Report due to the use of the "other" category. OIDD explained that the additional categories were put in place during the middle of the fiscal year, and the committee should see an improvement in FY27. OIDD will begin including an IFS Expenditure report in their quarterly documents for review and tracking.

In SFY27 First Quarter:

- 17% of funding for the IFS program and 25% of funding for the FFF program was spent assisting 1,914 individuals in the IFS and 1,828 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.

Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Marcia Booker

Consumer Care Resources and Flexible Family Fund Programs

In State Fiscal Year 26 (SFY26) End of the Year Report:

- 98% of Consumer Care Resources (CCR) and 99% of FFF program funds were spent assisting 2,129 people in CCR and 382 in FFF.
- Central Louisiana and Northeast Delta Human Service District has been placed on a corrective action plan for not expending at least 95% of their funding.
- All other Local Governing Entity's met their expenditure requirement in Flexible Family Funds and Supported Living for FY26.

In State Fiscal Year 27 (SFY27) First Quarter Report:

- 28% of Consumer Care Resources (CCR) and 24% of FFF program funds were spent assisting 1,115 people in CCR and 99 in FFF.
- During the review of the 1st quarter report, OBH reported Capital Area and Northeast Delta Human Service District will be placed on corrective action plans for not meeting their quarterly benchmark in Consumer Care Resources.
- All other 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

In SFY27 1st Quarter:

- 41 people were served during the 1st quarter, with ages ranging from 21 to 94 years old. 35 out of the 41 individuals currently receive personal care assistance.
- This year, SPAS is expecting to spend $888,997 on direct services.
- 67 people are currently on the waiting list for services.
- Nearly $1.8 million is needed to serve all on the wait list.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.