**Governor’s Advisory Council on Disability Affairs**

**June 17, 2020**

**Minutes**

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| **GACDA MEMBER** | | **PRESENT** | **PROXY** | **PROXY NAME** | **ABSENT** |
| Kathy | Allen | √ |  |  |  |
| Amber | Boykin | √ |  |  |  |
| Mary | Breaud | √ |  |  |  |
| Walter | Carpenter | √ |  |  |  |
| Karen | Collins | √ |  |  |  |
| Katie | Corkern | √ |  |  |  |
| Timothy | Delaney | √ |  |  |  |
| Sharon | Delvisco | √ |  |  |  |
| Liam | Doyle |  |  |  | X |
| Beau | Ellerbee | √ |  |  |  |
| Lynette | Fontenot | √ |  |  |  |
| Robert | Garcia | √ |  |  |  |
| Kirsten | Gladen | √ |  |  |  |
| Tarj | Hamilton | √ |  |  |  |
| Elaine | Harmon | √ |  |  |  |
| Sharon | Hennessey | √ |  |  |  |
| Linda | Kocher | √ |  |  |  |
| Andrew | Kuyoro | √ |  |  |  |
| Andrea | Lowe | √ |  |  |  |
| Jessica | Michot | √ |  |  |  |
| Kelly | Monroe | √ |  |  |  |
| John | Moran | √ |  |  |  |
| Mark | Raymond, Jr. | √ |  |  |  |
| Christopher | Rodriguez | √ |  |  |  |
| Karen | Scallan | √ |  |  |  |
| Tabatha | Taylor | √ |  |  |  |
| Erica | Wallace | √ |  |  |  |
| Jerrie | Williams | √ |  |  |  |
| Nicole | Williams | √ |  |  |  |
| Gerald | Boudreaux |  |  |  | X |
| Malinda | White |  |  |  | X |
| **ROLE** | **STAFF** |  |  |  |  |
| Exec Director | Bambi Polotzola | √ |  |  |  |
| Asst. Director | Jamar Ennis | √ |  |  |  |
| SICC Director | Melanie Washington | √ |  |  |  |
| SILC Director | Jessica Lewis | √ |  |  |  |
| Intern | Lillian Dejean | √ |  |  |  |
| Law Extern | Kiearra Beverly | √ |  |  |  |
| Law Extern | Winnifred Sanders | √ |  |  |  |

1. **Call to Order**

The GACDA meeting was called to order at 12:03pm on June 17, 2020. Council members and guest were formally recognized. Quorum was established. Chairperson Lynette Fontenot provided opening remarks to members of the GACDA Council and the guest in attendance. Due to social distancing requirements, the June 17, 2020 meeting was held via the Zoom Conferencing Platform.

1. **Committee Reports and Discussions**

**Legislative:** Christopher Rodriguez provided an overview of items discussed during GACDA’s Legislative Committee which took place on June 16, 2020. Please see the committee meeting minutes relative to this committee at end of these Council minutes.

**Education**: Amber Boykin provided an overview of items discussed during GACDA’s Education Committee which took place on June 16, 2020. Please see the committee meeting minutes relative to this committee at end of these Council minutes.

**Transportation:** Mark Raymond provided an overview of items discussed during GACDA’s Transportation Committee which took place on June 16, 2020. Please see the committee meeting minutes relative to this committee at end of these Council minutes.

**Accessibility:** Andrea provided an overview of items discussed during GACDA’s Accessibility Committee which took place on June 17, 2020. Please see the committee meeting minutes relative to this committee at end of these Council minutes.

**Housing:** Sharon Hennessey provided an overview of items discussed during GACDA’s Housing Committee which took place on June 16, 2020. Please see the committee meeting minutes relative to this committee at end of these Council minutes.

1. **Update on Employment Initiatives (LRS, GODA)**

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS):** Melissa Bayham provided an update regarding employment initiatives on behalf of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services. It was mentioned that the LRS offices are closed to the public under Phase II, but are still offering services via appointments. It was mentioned that some services provided by LRS are conducted virtually. The department is in the process of communicating with regional resource directors to ensure everyone is on the same page. It was mentioned that joint MOU between Medicaid and OBH to improve employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities has been created. The department is monitoring HB 1 of the 2020 Regular Session as it relates their funding.

**Office of Behavioral Health (OBH):** Ashley Jefferson provided an update on behalf of OBH. Jefferson provided that OBH is in the midst of working on the implementation of the DOJ judgement and voice initiatives. The department has identified two sites to partner, in an effort to enhance employment opportunities for individuals with behavioral health disorders. It was mentioned that the department has taken a holistic approach to implement their employment strategy and will continue to work with other agencies

**Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs (GODA):** Bambi Polotzola provided an update on behalf of GODA. Polotzola provided that GODA continues to facilitate training for state agencies through the technical assistance grant as they have done for the past three years pursuant to the State as A Model Employer (SAME) taskforce Executive Order signed by Governor Edwards in 2018. It was mentioned that three state agencies will serve as pilot programs- The Division of Administration (DOA), Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), and Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). DOA is working with Baton Rouge Community College, more specifically, their program for successful employment to attract targeted job seekers. DOTD is in the midst of creating more linkages and providing more opportunities via internships. LDH has created an onboarding committee to improve linkages, relationships with supervisors, and opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

**Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD):** Julie Foster Hagan provided a report on behalf of OCDD. The department has been working to update services, definitions, and rates for streamline purposes. The department has engaged the National network for recommendations relative to employment focused on providers and family-provider services.

1. **La Department of Health Updates (OAAS, OBH, OCDD, OPH)**

**Office for Behavioral Health (OBH):**

Dr. Ashley Jefferson shard that OBH has received a grant relative to the COVID-19 response, to increase and enhance behavioral counseling services. OBH has collaborated GOSHEP on a grant to perform counseling services through the “Conquer COVID-19 Campaign”.

**Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD):**

Julie Foster Hagan provided a report of behalf of OCDD. It was mentioned that the department is focused on the COVID-19 response. It was mentioned that OCDD is doing work pertaining to the Home and Community Based waiver Services and the Intermediate care Facilities, Community Homes to provide exceptions that would be helpful for individual supported clients and their families.

Julie mentioned that the department has shifted efforts to transition clients back. The department has received guidance from the federal government, and has realized that there is not a one-size fit all solution for transitioning. The department has issued guidance to providers and agencies to assist in the efforts of transitioning. It was mentioned that Resource guides and all of the memos that are distributed are located on the LDH website. The department has more specific COVID-19 data for home and community based waivers and clients situated in the home setting. The department has discussed plans and resources for case managers in light of hurricane season. The department is seeking to establish a regular pattern of meetings [OCDD-hcbs@la.gov](mailto:OCDD-hcbs@la.gov) questions. FAQ document is also available on the webpage.

It was mentioned that the TEFRA workgroup will meet on September 1st. Public forums will also be held to obtain public feedback.

**Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS)**

Sherlyn Sullivan provided an update on behalf of the Office of Adult and Aging Services. It was mentioned that the department is working on the wait-list reduction, and currently over 10,000 individuals are on the waiting list. It was mentioned that the aim was to put individuals into the other services such as the long term care personal services. It was mentioned that 5,200 are currently not receiving services, down from 32,000. 500 slots have been filled, from the 2019 legislative session.

**Office of Public Health (OPH):**

Amy Zapata provided a report on behalf of OPH. It was mentioned that OPH is in the midst of modernizing and streamlining services and policies of the Louisiana Commission of the Deaf. It was mentioned that streamlining is necessary to effectively monitor services more effectively. The department has been working on improving the hearing aid program.

1. **State Agency/ Member Updates**

LATAN- Yakima Black is working with Early Steps to provide telecommunication aids for case management and access to telehealth. The opportunity is available for other agencies who needs to gain access to technology. The department has included the Expanded Quality of Life Program, Stand Up Louisiana Project, has received funding to serve 40 individuals standing frames and training.

1. **Disability Trust Fund Update**

Bambi Polotzola provided an update relative to the Disability Trust Fund on behalf of GODA. It was mentioned that GODA transmitted letters to the appropriate parties including but not limited to Sheriff departments, clerk of courts, etc. for the remittance of funds pursuant to state statue.

1. **GODA Conference**

Bambi Polotzola mentioned that the GODA conference will be held in July via Zoom. The conference will span 2-days. Bambi encouraged the members of GACDA to submit their ideas and suggestions for this year’s conference.

1. **Public Comment** No public comment was provided.
2. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm

*\*\*See Committee Meeting minutes on following pages.*

**GACDA Legislative Committee June 16, 2020 10:00 – 11:20 am**

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| **Committee Members** | **Present** | **Proxy** | **Proxy Name** | **Absent** | **Agency/Affiliate/ Representing** |
| Amber Boykin\* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Andrea Lowe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Chris Rodriguez\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Elaine Harmon\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Erica Wallace\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Jerrie Williams\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Jessica Michot\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Karen Collins\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Karen Scallan\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Kathy Allen\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Katie Corkern\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Kelly Monroe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Sharon Delvisco\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Nicole Williams\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Tabatha Taylor\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Tarj Hamilton\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Lynette Fontenot\* | √ |  |  |  | GACDA Chairperson |
| Bambi Polotzola | √ |  |  |  | GODA |

**Review Legislation of the 2020 Regular Session**

Bambi Polotzola provided a brief overview of Act 1 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session which renames Act 833 of the 2014 session to the April Dunn Act. It was mentioned that Act 1 of the 2020 was the first piece of legislation signed by Governor Edwards.

Polotzola provided a brief overview of Act 137 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session which provides driver’s license designation for a person with autism. It was mentioned that Kelly Monroe worked on similar legislation two years ago.

A brief overview of Act 223 of 2020 was provided to the participants of the committee. Act 223 requires driver education to include instruction relative to accessible parking and accessible parking aisle. GACDA council member Sharron Hennessey advocated for the passage of this bill during the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

An overview of HB 361 (Act 258, “The Dustin Gary Act”) relative to Supported Decision Making provided. It was mentioned that the Arc of Louisiana advocated for the passage of this Act. It was mentioned by Kelly Monroe that this provides more options to individuals and their families to avoid interdiction. It was mentioned that this Act received favorable reviews by attorneys and Judges. It was mentioned that a proposal was submitted to the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council to provide training for the aforementioned Act.

**Discuss ideas for future Disability-related Legislation**

It was mentioned that Tabatha Taylor is currently working with the city of Shreveport to establish informing first responders of individuals’ disabilities through a statewide database.

It was mentioned by Anne Jayes the Lighthouse of Louisiana would support legislation relative to a statewide database for first responders.

It was mentioned by Polotzola she would like to see legislation that supports better training of law enforcement in regards to how to engage individuals with disabilities.

It was mentioned by Chris Rodriguez that Disability Rights is currently monitoring individuals through the ombudsman program to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities are protected from abuse and neglect. CLOP. Rodriguez expressed the desire to create legislation that would increase additional funding to expand the program.

It was mentioned by Erica Wallace of Lighthouse Louisiana that there should be legislation that will guarantee captioning services be provided to the deaf community during legislative session.

Maxwell Ciardullo spoke in regards to Senate Bill 230 of the 2020 Regular Session by Regina Barrow regarding group home settings that violates the fair housing act. It was mentioned by Anne Jayes that Lighthouse Louisiana is supporting Senator Barrow in this effort.

Dr. Laureen Mayfield encouraged GACDA to support legislation that allows cameras in special education classrooms.

It was mentioned by Polotzola that legislation that considers permitting virtual meetings pursuant to public meeting laws is necessary. It was mentioned that there should be an exception for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers to participate virtually given the various concerns surrounding health and transportation.

Ashley McReynolds is currently working with Senator Foil to amend his legislation regarding services for individuals with Autism. Exploring various options to expand this legislation to provide better opportunities for individuals with Autism in the areas of healthcare, education, etc.

Elaine Harmon suggested that GACDA considers legislation that supports more options for mail-in ballots to enable individuals with disabilities to vote from home.

It was mentioned that ICF facilities should be required to inform family members of individuals in their facilities when the individual experiences a health status change (such as exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID, or when they are placed in isolation, etc.).

**Education Committee June 16, 2020 12:00 – 1:20 pm**

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| Amber Boykin\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Andrea Lowe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Chris Rodriguez\* |  | √ | Tory Rocca |  |  |
| Erica Wallace\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Jerrie Williams\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Jessica Michot\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Karen Collins\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Kathy Allen\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Katie Corkern\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Kelly Monroe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Mary Breaud\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Nicole Williams\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Robert Garcia\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Tarj Hamilton\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Tim Delaney\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Lynette Fontenot\* | √ |  |  |  | GACDA Chairperson |
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**Goals and Objectives for Education Committee**

Elaine Harmon- Expressed the concern with the lack of restrooms, better sanitary conditions, changing tables in the proper locations, at schools.

Anne Jays circulated an ancillary document to support a presentation she made relative to expanded common-core initiatives for students who are blind or visually impaired. Jays asked GACDA to provide suggestions to provide notice to educators to ensure they are aware of the educational needs of students who are blind and/or visually impaired.

Dr. Mayfield- It was advised that Anne works with Dr. Brumley of the Department of Education. It was also mentioned that the High Cost Fund.

Kristi-Jo- provided that the Department of Education would be happy to discuss this subject matter further.

Amber Boykin- it was mentioned that a study commission/resolution is desired to determine solutions relative to services and providers in schools. Previous attempts to pass the aforementioned study through legislation was not successful. Brandi Robinson mentioned that Behavioral health therapist should be included in the study. It was mentioned that Boykin is willing to compile data, and encouraged other individuals who are interested to participate.

Dr. Mayfield suggested that It was mentioned that the GACDA committee on education build a great relationship with Dr. Brumley, and look at other states for guidance.

It was mentioned that schools should give careful consideration to properly integrate students to ensure they are reengaged. It was mentioned that students have different need. It was suggested that a re-entry plan be created to establish safety and school climate. Brenda Sharp mentioned that there is a curriculum available that may assist with reintegration, and there will be more resources for this effort moving forward. Karen Scallan suggested that schools utilize technology like Zoom to facilitate social interactions.

Dr. Mary Breaud- GACDA creates a position letter to Dr. Brumley and recommend to hire qualified individuals in positions that are needed in the various school systems.

**Discussion of the 2020 GODA Conference**

Bambi Polotzola asked participants to provide suggestions for topics for the 2020 GODA Conference.

Kathy Allen- It was mentioned that there should be more diversity within the conference.

It was mentioned that Dr. Brumley, the Superintendent of the Department of Education will participate.

It was mentioned that many of Louisiana’s universities have been invited to discuss programs within higher education. Dr. Mary Breaud, Dr. Gerlidne Beckers provided an overview of their programs.

Andrea Lowe- Asked if GODA has invited the American Physiological Association. In an effort to increase the wealth of information during the GODA conference, it was mentioned that GODA should include representation from national partners and organizations.

**Housing Committee June 16, 2020 1:30 – 2:50 pm**

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| Andrea Lowe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| John Moran\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Karen Collins\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Kelly Monroe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Kirsten Gladen\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Linda Kocher\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Sharon Delvisco\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Tarj Hamilton\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Walter Carpenter\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Lynette Fontenot\* | √ |  |  |  | GACDA Chairperson |
| Bambi Polotzola | √ |  |  |  | GODA |

**Goals and Objectives for Housing Committee**

Chairperson Sharon Hennessey provided an overview of the Statewide Housing Advocacy meetings. Statewide Housing Advocacy meetings were created to educate the general public regarding the complex system of housing, and how to effectively advocate for more affordable housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

John Moran briefly explained the concept of the reserve for developers.

Melanie Washington provided a brief overview of the Community Development Meeting on June 1, 2020 hosted by the Louisiana Housing Corporation. A document relative to the Community Development Meeting was circulated by Washington. It was mentioned that Keith Cunningham, the Executive Director of LHC welcomed the input from the community to better serve the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Maxwell mentioned that LAFHAC has dialoged with LHC to create a policy to provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with criminal records.

Hennessey provided an overview of the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) draft. A document relative to this overview was circulated and presented. Hennessey answered the questions of the committee members and participants during the presentation.

It was advised that GACDA agrees on a specific dollar amount to ask for as it relates to the reserve. It was mentioned that there needs to a list of items and a range of options of designs/constructions to provide to providers. Participants held a discussion relative to what is necessary to calculate a proper dollar amount. It was mentioned that the comment portion of the QAP must be submitted by Friday, June 19, 2020. The committee will deliberate further to create a joint statement, the deadline to submit a comment is June 16, 2020.

**Transportation Committee June 16, 2020 3:00 – 4:00 pm**

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| Andrea Lowe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Beau Ellerbee\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Elaine Harmon\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Karen Collins\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Karen Scallan\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Kristen Gladen\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Linda Kocher\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Mark Raymond, Jr.\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Nicole Williams\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Tarj Hamilton\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Walter Carpenter\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Lynette Fontenot\* | √ |  |  |  | GACDA Chairperson |
| Bambi Polotzola | √ |  |  |  | GODA |

**Goals and Objectives for Transportation Committee**

Jamar Ennis of the Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs (GODA) provided a brief overview of the transportation committee’s activities during the previous GACDA term.

Activities Discussed:

* GACDA’s participation in DOTD’s 5310 and 5311 grant review programs.
* Support of legislation relative to disability related transportation.
* Ongoing discussions with DOTD
* Participation in the Emergency Management Disability & Aging Coalition (EMDAC)

**Goals and Objectives**

Beau Ellerbee- suggested that the committee invite the local transportation entities statewide to participate in GACDA. Ellerbee also recommended that the transportation committee insures that transportation providers and entities are properly trained to adequately meet the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Mark Raymond of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA)- Provided an overview of the RTA program, and offered to participate in future committee activities.

It was suggested that GACDA creates a Coalition comprised of representation from transportation entities statewide to discuss and resolve transportation issues and concerns.

It was suggested to invite the rideshare companies- Uber and LYFT to participate in committee activities.

Karen Scallan and Kat Crapple- mentioned and described local programs that are currently serving the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities.

It was suggested that the transportation committee creates a list of partner agencies to invite to participate in the committee’s activities. The Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, the Department of Transportation and Development were among the agencies mentioned.

**Discussion of the 2020 GODA Conference**

There will be a panel comprised of the various transportation agencies from around the state, the Department of Transportation and Development, and providers of the 5310/5311 programs. It was mentioned that an expert of GIS system has been invited to participate in the conference.

Accessibility Committee June 17, 2020 10:00 -11:15 am

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| Andrea Lowe\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Andrew Kuyoro\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Beau Ellerbee\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Erica Wallace\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Jerrie Williams\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Jessica Michot\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Karen Collins\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Karen Scallan\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Katie Corkern\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Nicole Williams\* | √ |  |  |  |  |
| Tarj Hamilton\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Tim Delaney\* |  |  |  | X |  |
| Lynette Fontenot\* | √ |  |  |  | GACDA Chairperson |
| Bambi Polotzola | √ |  |  |  | GODA |

**Goals and Objectives for Accessibility Committee**

Bambi Polotzola gave an update and recap of GACDA’s efforts to implement ACT 273 of the 2017. It was mentioned that this legislative act is intended to provide captioning services during the legislative sessions. Polotzola also provided an overview of the telecommunications fund, and the current concerns relative to the implementation of the intent ACT 273.

It was suggested that GACDA forms a sub-committee to focus on the implementation of ACT 273 of the 2017 Regular Session. Elaine Harmon, Amy Dawson, Kelly Monroe, Kristie Curtis, Michael Ausburn, Sharon, Erica Wallace, Lynette Fontenot, and Yakima Black offered to support these efforts by serving on the sub-committee.

**Remote Participation in Open Meetings Law**

Bambi mentioned the need for virtual meetings to be recognized under the state open meeting laws. It was mentioned that individuals with disabilities and their caretakers often may not be able to participate in public meetings due to their disability and therefore eliminates their voices and perspectives from public bodies.

It was mentioned that GODA has a student from the Southern University Law Center who is conducting research relative to the public meetings law and the ADA.

Kiera Beverly, a law school student of LSU is currently researching topics relative to ADA enforcement.

Christopher Rodriguez of Disability Rights Louisiana offered to support both law school student in their efforts.

**Capital Outlay Project and Budget**

Jamar Lanier Ennis provided a brief overview of Louisiana’s Capital Outlay, he suggested that members of the Council participate in their meetings and opportunities for public comment.

Steve Kaufman provided that Capitol Outlay needs to address ADA compliance. It was mentioned that money should be put into the budget for ADA compliance moving forward. It was mentioned that it is necessary for the Council to monitor Capital outlay, especially the ADA projects.

Mark mentioned that future development projects need to include advisors and consultants before and during the construction process.

Michael Ausburn recommended that GACDA draft’s a digital accessibility plan for the IT departments within Louisiana State Government.

It was also mentioned that GACDA draft letters to appropriate parties including developers, project managers, electric companies to recommend that they include the needs of individuals with disabilities in their designs.

Cindy Obier of the Louisiana State Fire Marshall’s Office provided an overview of activities performed by the committee during the previous term. These activities included meeting with various state officials to discuss the improvement of the accessibility of buildings and grounds, accepting various audits from agencies.

It was mentioned that there will be ongoing discussions regarding the formation of sub-committees relative to matters of the ADA.