

January 19, 2023
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

RaShad Bristo
Nicole Banks
Patti Barovechio, OPH
Chaney Guidry
Melissa Bayham, LRS
Brenda Cosse'
Cheri Crain, GOEA
Jill Egle
Christi Gonzales
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Angela Harmon
Meredith Jordan, LDOE
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Melinda Richard, OAAS
Tory Rocca, DRLA
Brooke Stewart
Erick Taylor
Renoda Washington
Vivienne Webb
Mary Tarver
Libby Airhart
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kim Basile
Hyacinth McKee
Roslyn Hymel

STAFF PRESENT

Hannah Jenkins
Brenton Andrus
Rekeesha Branch
Amy Deaville
Ebony Haven
Lauren Brown
Anne Montelaro
Stephanie Carmona

GUESTS PRESENT

Brian Bennett
Charlie Michel

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Chanel Jackson
Kathy Dwyer
Corlis Gremillion
Vanessa Wells
Bobbye Davis
Mary Jacob
Mylinda Elliott
Konstance Causey
Rikki David
Susan Riehn
Ashley McReynolds
Christina Martin
Erin Downing
Jennifer Purvis
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian
Brenda Bares
Kelly Monroe
Kristie Curtis
James Powell
Julie Folse
Carmen Cetnar
April Hampton
Jerrie Williams
Kristen Reed
Tracy Joshua-Guy
Liz Gary
Tamara Brown
Nicole DeJean
Nicole Flores
Mimi Webb
China Guillory
Bernard Brown
Sara Waters
Alison Filce
Davelyn Patrick
Marilyn Thornton
April Young
Jim Sprinkle
Danielle Ledet
Rebecca Fruge

Chair RaShad Bristo called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. with a quorum present.

The [October 2022 Meeting Summary](#) was approved, with the amendment of adding member Mary Tarver to the Members Present section, by unanimous consent.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson's Report was given by RaShad Bristo.

Motions from Executive Committee:

Failed. Executive Committee moved to present to the full council for approval, an increase in the Executive Director's salary to the amount of \$95,000 annually.

Passed. Motion by Libby Airhart to postpone the Executive Committee's recommendation regarding increasing Executive Director's salary until the next meeting (April 2023) to allow for the full council to complete an evaluation survey or for the Executive Director to complete a self-evaluation report. Seconded by Chaney Savoy. No objections or abstentions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & BUDGET REPORT

Both reports given by Executive Director

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT of HEALTH BUSINESS PLAN PRESENTATION

Presented by Julie Foster-Hagan

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Given by the Chairs of the respective Committees

Motion from Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee and forwarded to Full Council for approval:

Passed. The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends the planning ad hoc committee consider the following activities/initiatives for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 24 Action Plan and is offering this recommendation to the full Council for consideration

- Voting awareness training specifically for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Continue the following current initiatives (providing consistent positive feedback throughout FY23):
 - Activity 1.1.5: Video initiative and ensure videos specific to voting and accessibility are included
 - Activity 1.1.6: Supported Decision Making trainings
 - Activity 2.2.1: First Responder Trainings
 - Activity 2.2.2: Emergency Preparedness and Response Training

No objections or abstentions – motion passed by unanimous consent

Passed. Motion made by Bambi Polotzola to make a recommendation to the Planning Committee to add an activity that would contract with an entity that could assist with building the capacity for advocacy regarding education and employment. Seconded by Erick Taylor. No objections or abstentions. Motion passed by unanimous consent

Standing Council Member Reports:

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
Office of Public Health
Office of Aging and Adult Services
LSU Human Development Center

Break for lunch at 11:54 pm.

Standing Council Member Reports (cont.):

Bureau of Health Services – Financing
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs
Department of Education
Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs
Disability Rights Louisiana

As a result of public comment during the public comment period, the following motion was made:

Passed. Motion by Bambi Polotzola to amend the Public Meetings Law legislative agenda item to add that all participation options are included on the official meeting notifications. Seconded by Jill Hano. 1 council member abstained from voting. No objections.

By unanimous consent, the DD Council January Quarterly meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.