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State Of Louisiana
Executive Board on Aging

LA EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING (LEBA) MEETING
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS
525 Florida Boulevard, 4th Floor, Room 427 Baton Rouge
August 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chairman, June Williams, with Carol Frain serving as Secretary, at the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, 525 Florida Boulevard, 4th Floor, Room 427, Baton Rouge, LA 70801. Invocation: Raymond Franklin. Pledge of Allegiance: Myrtle Winbush.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

June Williams
Noah Aguillard
Raymond Franklin
George Ann Smith
Lee Perry Roy

Willie Lewis
Myrtle Winbush
Vanue Lacour
Rose Sibley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jo Ann Walker
Annette Kelly
Donald Mallet
Huey Beverly
Patrick Regan

GOEA STAFF: Paul Colomb, Appointing Authority; Karen Ryder, Deputy Assistant Director; Beverly Armstead, Home & Community Based Services; and Carol Frain, Administrative Assistant. **Guests: Attachment No. 1.**

Chairman June Williams declared a quorum was present with nine (9) members in attendance. **Motion:** Raymond Franklin - To approve the minutes of May 28, 2010 as written. Lee Perry Roy: 2nd. Motion adopted.

CHAIRMAN JUNE WILLIAMS' REPORT

Chairman Williams welcomed new members to the LEBA board meeting. Each LEBA board member introduced themselves and provided the PSC district number they represented. June Williams introduced herself as Chairman of the LA Executive Board representing PSC #2, Governor appointed.

Chairman Williams introduced the new LEBA recommended appointment to the Executive Director's position at the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs as Mr. Paul Colomb.

Paul Colomb, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, thanked attendees for their continued GOEA support. As the Division of Administration's Interim Commissioner Rainwater has asked for a possible 35% cut in our budget, the AAAs/COAs are asked to find new funding \$s thru millages or other sources. GOEA will run as efficiently as possible on limited resources which may result in loss of staff positions and future GOEA & AAAs/COAs budget cuts.

Chairman June Williams introduced the GOEA Deputy Assistant Director as Karen Ryder. Announcements: AAAs/COAs are working on Service Procurement and Area Plans due December 2010; Close out of GOEA FY 10; and the upcoming LACOADA meeting December 2010 in New Orleans. All attendees introduced themselves to the board and were thanked for jobs well done.

Dinah Landry, Cameron CoA Executive Director, announced the recent passing of Thomas Crofton Laughlin, 80, a passionate advocate for the elderly and “godfather of the aging”, who led the Jefferson CoA for 35 years. **Attachment No. 2**

PAT JONES, PRESIDENT, LACOADA

- *Recent LACOADA Summer Conference, Lafayette
- *LACOADA Fall Conference, New Orleans, October 11 – 13
- *LANA Training, Sabrina Sonnier, President – March 2011

National Silver Haired Congress, Washington, DC, February 2011
Membership: Volunteer Current Cost - \$1,500
Contact Person: Louise Boudreaux or June Williams

ADJOURN

Raymond Franklin: Motion: Adjourn, 2nd Noah Aguillard. Meeting Adjourned: 11:15 AM.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next LEBA Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2010 at the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, 10:00 AM, 525 Florida Boulevard, 4th Floor, Room 427, Baton Rouge, LA.

LEBA’s first meeting in 2011 is scheduled for THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH at the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, 10:00 AM, 525 Florida Boulevard, 4th Floor, Room 427, Baton Rouge, LA.

Prepared by Carol S. Frain, GOEA Administrative Assistant

Handouts: (1) LEBA Sign In Sheet, August 20, 2010
(2) Obituary - Thomas C. Laughlin

LEBA QUARTERLY MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2010



ATTENDEES

- ✓ 1. John D McEroy Warrick CoA
- ✓ 2. Sharon Martin Liv CoA
- ✓ 3. Darla Cantelle TCOA
- ✓ 4. Rose Sibley Liv. CoA LEBA
- ✓ 5. Lina Boudry Capital Area Agency on Aging
- ✓ 6. Helen Langley Sub Davis AAA/COA
- ✓ 7. Pat Jones Allen CoA/AAA
- ✓ 8. Janet Rando CAMERON AAA
- ✓ 9. Debi Deming Tangipahoa CoA
- ✓ 10. Chellee Rodriguez Lafourche CoA
- ✓ 11. Lee Perry Roy Crowley, LEBA
- ✓ 12. Beth Davidson Grant CoA
- ✓ 13. Effie Roy
- ✓ 14. Louise Boudreau STHL
- ✓ 15. Laluna Lennier Arcyelles CoA
16. Alexis EBR CoA
17. _____
18. _____



Everything New Orleans

Thomas Crofton Laughlin, advocate for elderly, dies at 80

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Rebecca Mowbray, The Times-Picayune

Thomas Crofton Laughlin, a passionate advocate for the elderly who led the Jefferson Council on Aging for 35 years, died Wednesday evening of congestive heart failure at Cannon Hospice. He was 80.



Thomas Crofton Laughlin

A statewide leader known as the "godfather of the aging," Mr. Laughlin was able to recite details of geriatric law and convene people to work for better quality of life for a vulnerable population. Howard Rodgers, executive director of the New Orleans Council on Aging, said Mr. Laughlin inspired and served as a mentor to many.

Mr. Laughlin, who until recently served as chief executive of the state's largest aging council, never stopped working. He would help senior citizens at the grocery store, and use the opportunity to find more comprehensive services for them. He also took in homeless people and helped them find jobs.

Mr. Laughlin had a warm, disarming sense of humor. Gordon Wadge, who served on Mr. Laughlin's board as co-president of Catholic Charities in New Orleans, arrived for a meeting one day and noticed that Mr. Laughlin had bullet hole decals all over his car. Mr. Laughlin laughed, and explained that he wanted to look intimidating in the many rough neighborhoods in which he worked.

Born in New Orleans in 1930, Mr. Laughlin grew up in Covington as one of four siblings and attended Saint Paul's School. After his junior year, he left to join the Order of the Christian Brothers, working throughout Louisiana and in New Mexico for six years.

Mr. Laughlin received a degree in education at Loyola University in New Orleans in 1954, which fueled his interest in social justice work. After serving for two years in the Army at Fort Hood, Texas, Mr. Laughlin returned to Loyola to earn a master's degree in guidance and counseling in 1958.

Upon graduation, Mr. Laughlin moved to Chicago to work as an organizer for the Young Christian Workers, a Catholic action group that trained people to observe their surroundings, judge them in light of their faith, and act to improve them.

Monsignor Winus Roeten, a diocesan priest in River Ridge who met Mr. Laughlin through YCW, said that Mr. Laughlin's work with young people in Chicago helped prepare him for his ultimate work with the elderly. "The people who got that kind of experience have a formation of personal and social consciousness that most people lack," Roeten said.

In 1963, Mr. Laughlin returned to Loyola to work with the Institute of Human Relations. He later joined the Community Services Council Inc. to work on aging, special education, mental health and employment issues, primarily in Jefferson Parish.

He joined the Council on Aging in 1973, just a few years after it was founded.

Mr. Laughlin served on the board of the Louisiana Geriatric Society, and worked with Wadge to help found a local chapter of PACE, or Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, which helps elderly people get the services they need to stay out of nursing homes. Most recently, he had been working on elder abuse issues.

Mr. Laughlin had an enormous family that was extended by his work. He is survived by his sister, Hilda Suzanne Laughlin Kirsch; five nieces; 11 nephews; 11 grandnieces and 12 grandnephews; two great-grandnieces and two great-grandnephews.

Visitation is Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Christopher the Martyr Catholic Church, 3900 Derbigny St. in Metairie, followed by a Mass at noon.

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