**State As a Model Employer (SAME) Task Force**

**September 11, 2020**

The SAME Taskforce meeting was called to order at 9:02am.

Survey Initiative:

Bambi circulated information relative to survey participation, and asked participating agencies to provide updates in regards to the survey. It was mentioned that the results of the survey will be vital to writing the plan for agencies.

Doug Bordelon mentioned that the Lake Charles location has been closed and there are challenges that exist for others similarly situated due to Hurricane Laura. It was mentioned that the survey participation has not been highly prioritized due to the impact Hurricane Laura and COVID-19. The deadline has been extended to the September 30, 2020.

It was mentioned that deadline for the state agency plans should be extended, to ensure that the agencies have the benchmark numbers. It was mentioned that the state agency plans for 2021 will be pushed back to November 30, 2020.

It was mentioned that updates will be sent once a week to all of the members of the SAME Task Force so that everyone will have the updated survey participation numbers.

It was mentioned that additional links will be sent to the members as well.

The September 11, 2020 SAME Taskforce meeting adjourned at 9:21am.