



Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
SFY 11 Task-Force-Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2011

I. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Brandi Berkeley, Chair

A. Roll Call - Diane Anticich - A quorum of Task-Force Commissioners was present.
Task-Force Commissioners present: Darlene Austin, Brandi Berkeley, Thelma Covello, John K. Davis, Deanna Hardy, Daniel Theaux, and Pauline Wood
Task-Force Commissioners not present: Brandon Burriss and Dr. Monita Hara
Commission Staff present: Diane Anticich, Program Coord.; and Jairus Methvin, Program Monitor
Interpreters: Shirley Delahoussaye and Melissa Hines; Captionist: Lacy Hebert

B. Approval of Agenda - D. Austin; T. Covello moved to approve the agenda. Passed

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes - D. Theaux; D. Hardy moved to approve 05/13/11 minutes. Passed
D. Persons wishing to address the board - Cynthia Pace, Owner, Visual Communication Services (Alexandria and Monroe); Wendi Coker, Interpreter Coordinator for DAC - LA (Shreveport); and David Hylan Jr. - Director - Deaf Action Center of LA (Shreveport) alleged misconduct (hostility, lack of transparency, and lack of communication) by the LCD Director.

Judy Williams - submitted a written request for the LCD to award contracts to Deaf Action Center of LA.

Jason Moreno, Owner, Deaf Services Center - reported he previously requested LCD consider his agency for contracting as a full Regional Service Center (i.e. interpreting, equipment distribution).

Naomi DeDual, LCD Director, was called into the meeting to address allegations by Pace, Coker & Hylan.

II Business - Allegations of lack of transparency and communication, and hostility by LCD Executive Director to five existing contractors during the SFY 12 -14 contract negotiation process - At the committee's request, copies of contracts and site review reports for three fiscal years were provided.

Motion: D. Austin/T. Covello moved that the LCD Director demonstrated a lack of transparency and communication, and hostility. Motion Failed.

III Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

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Minutes corrected on _____

Recorder

Date

Secretary

Date

c. LCD master file (original), Executive Director, LCD Board Members

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