

# Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

SELF-DETERMINATION ♦ INDEPENDENCE ♦ PRODUCTIVITY ♦ INTEGRATION ♦ INCLUSION

October 22, 2020  
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Banks  
Patti Barovechio, OPH/CSHS  
Kim Basile  
Melissa Bayham  
Michael Billings  
RaShad Bristo  
Randall Brown Jr.  
Carmen Cetnar  
Lillian DeJean  
Jill Eglè  
Michelle Guillory, GOEA  
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD  
Jill Hano  
Roslyn Hymel  
Mitch Iddins  
Jen Katzman  
Hyacinth McKee  
Steven Nguyen  
Bambi Polotzola, GODA  
Matthew Rovira  
Temisha Sonnier  
Mary Tarver  
Phil Wilson, LSU HDC

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Brenda Cosse'  
Chris Rodriguez, DRLA  
Crystal White

## STAFF PRESENT

Marilee Andrews  
Brenton Andrus  
Halie Belin  
Ebony Haven  
Hannah Jenkins  
Courtney Ryland

## GUESTS PRESENT

Karen Artus, LaCAN Leader  
Bridget Bergeron  
Robyn Blackwell  
Donna Breaux  
Kathleen Cannino  
Konstance Causey, LaCAN Leader  
Tommy Comeaux  
Corhonda Corley  
Kristie Curtis  
Erin Downing  
Kathy Dwyer  
Mylinda Elliott, LaCAN Leader  
Julie Folse  
Liz Gary  
Stacey Guidry  
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist  
Chanel Jackson  
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian  
Fernando Lopez, OAAS  
Anthony Luczak  
Charlie Michel, Bayouland FHF  
Kelly Monroe, Arc of LA  
Jessica Michot  
Susan Riehn  
James Sprinkle, FHF Crossroads  
Laura Thornton, OPH  
Taylor Umphries  
Robin Wagner, OAAS  
Mimi Webb

Chairperson Randall Brown called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

A motion to approve the [July 2020 Meeting Summary](#) passed by unanimous consent.

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## **Executive Committee**

### **MOTION PASSED.**

Motion from Executive Committee for full Council consideration of recommendations for the FY2021 Legislative Advocacy Agenda passed by majority; Kim Basile, Lillian DeJean, Julie Foster-Hagan, Michelle Guillory, Jen Katzman, Hyacinth McKee, Steven Nguyen, and Temisha Sonnier abstained.

## **Five-Year (FFY 2022-2026) Planning Committee**

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Rashad Bristo, to select the Targeted Disparity of “Disadvantaged people (those living in poverty)” for the Council’s FFY 2022 - 2026 Plan passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 2 nays.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Mary Tarver, to assign the “Disadvantaged people” Targeted Disparity to the Objective in the FFY 2022 – 2026 Plan that addresses Housing passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 2 nays.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Michelle Guillory, seconded by Nicole Banks, to adopt the [FFY 2022 – 2026 Plan](#) as it is currently written/shown on the screen passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 1 nay.

## **New Business**

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Roslyn Hymel, seconded by Mitch Iddins, to include a \$2.00 an hour wage increase for Direct Support Professionals in the FY2021 Legislative Advocacy Agenda item regarding this matter passed by majority; Patti Barovechio, Kim Basile, Jen Katzman, Hyacinth McKee, and Temisha Sonnier abstained.

### **MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Nicole Banks, to include a caveat in the DSP wage increase advocacy agenda item for a commitment of an annual increase each year until it reaches a livable wage passed by majority; Patti Barovechio, Kim Basile, Jen Katzman, Hyacinth McKee, and Temisha Sonnier abstained.

## **Council Agency Reports**

[Louisiana Rehabilitation Services \(LRS\)](#) – Melissa Bayham

[Bureau of Health Services Financing \(BHSF\)](#) – Jen Katzman

[Office of Aging and Adult Services \(OAAS\)](#) – Robin Wagner

[Office of Public Health \(OPH\)](#) – Patti Barovechio

[Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities \(OCDD\)](#) – Julie Foster Hagan

Disability Rights Louisiana – Chris Rodriguez

[Louisiana Department of Education \(LDOE\)](#)

[Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs \(GOEA\)](#) – Michelle Guillory

[Human Development Center \(HDC\)](#) – Phil Wilson

[Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs \(GODA\)](#) – Bambi Polotzola

A motion to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. passed by unanimous consent.