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**MINUTES OF THE LA EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING (LEBA) MEETING
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS
602 North 5th Street, 4th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Wednesday September 21, 2022 11:00 AM
Galvez Building in the Pensacola Conference Room**

CALL TO ORDER

The Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) was called to order at 11:05 AM by Ms. Leslie Keen, LEBA Chairman; with Ms. Cheri Crain serving as Secretary, in person.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Heather Prejean
Invocation: Mr. Ricco Thomas

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Terry Courville
Ms. Blanche Wilks
Mr. Huey Beverly
Mayor Gerard Landry
Ms. Leslie Louviere-Keen
Mr. Donald Mallet
Mr. Ricco Thomas
Ms. Ann Keene
Mr. Willie Lewis
Mr. Johnny Berthelot
Ms. Heather Prejean

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Charles "Buddy" Pugh
Ms. Emily Tilley
Ms. Worlita Williams

GUESTS: Council on Aging Directors

GOEA STAFF:

Ms. Shirley Merrick, Director, Ms. Cheri Crain, Secretary, Mrs. Amanda Smith, GOEA General Counsel, Mrs. Michelle Guillory, Compliance and Planning/EPS Program Manager 3, Mrs. Kayla Doyle, Program Manager 1A

LESLIE LOUVIERE-KEEN, LEBA CHAIRMAN

LEBA Chairman Ms. Leslie Louviere-Keen declared a quorum was present with (11) members in attendance.

LESLIE KEEN, LEBA CHAIRMAN

The Board considered, and approved the agenda/meeting minutes from March 9, 2022.

MOTION: Ms. Blanche Wilks moved and it was seconded Mayor Gerald Landry that the March 9, 2022 agenda/meeting minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

SHIRLEY MERRICK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Executive Director's Report. Ms. Shirley Merrick stated that a copy was emailed to the Board members. Ms. Shirley Merrick reviewed the report with the Board.

New Program – Expanding the Public Health Workforce within ACL's Networks: This funding is part of the Administration for Community Living's (ACL) investment to expand the public health workforce within the aging and disability network. GOEA was granted spending authority effective July 1, 2022 by the State Legislature. Ms. Taurus Ross has been hired to coordinate the program. Ms. Ross is assigned to the HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) Unit as a Program Monitor. The ceiling on the grant award that ends September 2024 is \$2,672,733.

Legislative Session 2022

Ms. Shirley Merrick referred to an attached schedule of bills passed during the 2022 Legislative Session that may be of interest to the population we serve (Attachment 1). There may be other bills passed but these are the ones that got my attention. Follow this link to get a full description of the bills passed: <https://legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=current>.

Disaster Update

Reminder - Hurricane season does not end until November 30, 2022. It's never too late to "Get a Game Plan." Information regarding hurricane preparedness can be found at - <https://www.getagameplan.org/>.

Ms. Shirley Merrick provided the statistics for the traditional senior services, i.e., meals, transportation, wellness but she also wanted to highlight the ADRC Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, ADRC Alert Media tool and the Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program statistics for FY2022 and new initiatives.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT: Ms. Shirley Merrick stated that the annual report records the services provided to the 60+ population and those with adult onset disabilities for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Johnny Berthelot moved and seconded by Mayor Gerard Landry that the 2022 Annual Report be approved as presented. Motion carried. The original published agenda remains unchanged.

LACOADA: Presented by Ms. Darlene Schexnayder: Kenner Council on Aging renamed to Maple Champagne Senior Center and announced the conference will be in January.

LANA: Presented by Ms. Angelle Authement: the Board is in the process of preparing for the next LANA conference on December 6th, 7th & 8th. Ms. Angelle asked for suggestions for topics of discussion for the conference. Discussed the possibility of having the next LEBA Board meeting at the conference on December 7th.

SCHEDULE 2022 QUARTERLY MEETINGS: The date for the next meeting was discussed.
MOTION: Mayor Gerard Landry moved and it was seconded by Ms. Blanche Wilks to hold the next meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at the LANA Conference at the L'Auberge Casino Hotel in Baton Rouge.

ADJOURN: Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Blanche Wilks moved and it was seconded by Mr. Donald Mallet. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Prepared by Cheri Crain, Manager Compliance & Planning, Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs