



## Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

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### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30AM CT

**Hampton Inn & Suites Baton Rouge I-10 East**  
**11271 Reiger Road**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70809**  
**Assemblee 1 & 2**

Present Laura Nata, Lynn Stevens, Gay Young, Yakima Black, Alexis Young

Absent Marvin Young, Megan Thompson

Liaison Fred Pape

Call to Order Reviewed October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Laura Nata motioned to accept the minutes. Yakima Black accepted. Motion passes.

Old Business Members Needed:  
Gay – Fred has a spreadsheet, there are a lot of vacancies. Warren plans to stay on for the moment. Gay states her term is up in 2024.

New Business Brian Wood, LAB, applied to be on the Council. Nicole says that their waiting on his application to be reviewed.  
Gay- Succession planning is needed. Asking for ideas of where to start with it. Thinks it's important to ensure diversity among members. We are in desperate need for members.  
Section 121- Indian/Native American and ADA, Vacant Business representative – Vacant. Fred says that he will reach out to Dow Chemical rep who works with students with disabilities.  
Lynn S.- got someone just now to say yes. Nicole will send the Pre-app. Nicole will send to Gay to make sure there are not changes.

Patrick Holmes- possible. Over Cap, may be interested in taking Ashley's position. Nicole asked her off from resigning. Advocate  
Former recipient of LRS services.  
Discussion on who makes the recommendation.  
Gay is challenging everyone in the room to reach out to 10 people to join us.  
Fred- Brian Patchett will be serving as the Advocates for PWD.  
Flyer Update – Alexis Young. What discussed creating the QR code and have the accessible flyer to be posted online. The



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question was who would receive the emails? Will address in general committee meeting. Alexis asked if it would be more effective to have the flyer on hand about the Council. This will save time and recruitment of members.

Other  
Business

Ethics Training- only one person, Suzanne Lentz. Ms. Nelson said she did it but didn't turn it. Gay is encouraging to complete Ethics Training now.

Gay – Contract Counselors will be discussed in Director's report.

Vendor Fee- Lynn Stevens, we haven't met, and she hasn't heard anything as of yet. Will have to go to the legislation.

Yakima – chair ad hoc nominating committee.

Adjourn

Lynn made a motion to adjourn. Alexis Young seconded.  
Meeting adjourned: 9:00am.



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Members Present	Members Present- (13) Yakima Black, Stephen Carrier, Warren Chauvin, Paul Genco, Laura Nata, Dina Perkins, Laura Stazio, Lynn Stevens, Megan Thompson, Ashley Volion, Brian Wood, Alexis Young, and Gay Young (Non-voting Members- (2) Nicole Poencot and Melissa Bayham)
Members Absent	Jamar Ennis, Michelle Ned, Susan Nelson, Suzanne Lentz, Marvin Rush
Liaison	Fred Pape
Guests Present	Lynsey Hebert (Captionist), Patrick Holmes
Call to Order	The general meeting was called to order by Chair Gay Young at 9:30 a.m. with a quorum.
Minutes	April 2022 Quarterly Minutes were reviewed. Warren motioned to approve the minutes and Laura Nata seconded the motion. Motion passed without abstention or objection.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Melissa Bayham offered an update on counselors.</li><li>• The Vendor Coalition has not met again.</li><li>• It is time to do the ethics training for next year. A 50% completion rate is desired.</li><li>• Share information about LRC Membership with friends and colleagues.</li><li>• April 27, 2023 at 8am the next meeting will be at the Hampton Inn.</li></ul>





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Public Comment            None

New Business            • Yakima leads the ad hoc committee to vote for position recommendations. Let her know if you can help.

LRS Director's Report            • 8,820 open cases  
   • 2,864 Pre-ETS cases  
   • LRS Monitoring Results: Not enough money is being spent and LRS is getting advice on how to spend funds. LRS is trying to offer counselors around \$17/hour. Ways of advertising the job opportunities were discussed. Rate setting is being worked on. 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Project Stand Up. Rapid Engagement hasn't started yet.  
   • CSAVR Conference is in April. Warren voted have the council send 2 people to the conference and Laura Stazio seconded the motion. All in favor and none were opposed.

Standing Committee Reports

#### **Planning and Eligibility**

- Eligibility and Planning (Lead-Alexis): Created a flyer to include an email address. Alexis and Bryan are rolling off of LRC. Send email applications to Fred. A job fair is Feb 7-8 at LSU. Their group plans on identifying outdated resources to review and update.

#### **Transition**

- Transition (Lead-Laura Nata): Funding from OCDD was approved for Driver's Ed courses (Does Jamar know where funds might come from?). Transition documents have been shared with LDOE, but need more work/updates. Once the letter and documents are complete, they will be shared with Megan and Jamar. Melissa plans on updating the LRS video.



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#### Employment

- Employment (Lead-Lynn): The last meeting was summarized. LRS posted some things on the LWC Facebook. Melissa is open to having an intern manage a FB account. Currently, there is not a list of employment services. LRS is understaffed. A change in policy was suggested in LRS language regarding exceptions.

Member  
Reports

#### **IDEA report – Megan Thompson**

- IDEA- School Safety Summit is nearing. Performance Scores are available for 2021-2022. Share information about literacy vouchers for tutoring. Two documents have been shared: Guidance for Leading Inclusive Special Education Programs and Strategies School Systems can use to Address Staffing Needs

#### **CAP – Patrick Holmes**

- CAP- They have done presentations on VR and CAP in Iberia, for Families Helping Families, and in Houma. They have 21 clients. They meet in person, via zoom, and via phone.

#### **SILC – Jamar Ennis**

- Jamar was not at the meeting

#### **Chair's Report**

- Make every effort to attend the next meeting.

Adjourn

Ashley motioned to close at 2:19pm and Laura Nata seconded the motion. All approve (2:19pm).