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| Members Present | | Jessica Lewis, Nicole Walker, Elise Alexander, Glyn Butler, Laura Nata, Dina Perkins, Suzanne Lentz, Karen Roy, Laura Stazio, Courtney Ryland, Warren Chauvin, Cathy Lazarus, Gay Young, Tarj Hamilton, Marvin Rush, Alexis Young, Christa Blackwell (non-voting), Melissa Bayham (non-voting) | |  | |
| Members Absent | | Bob Lobos, Cliff Owens, Paul Genco, Brian Wood | |  | |
| Liaison | | Nicole Miller | |  | |
| Guests Present | | Lynsey Hebert (captionist), Anne Jayes, Lynn Stevens | |  | |
| Motivational Minute | | Pledge of allegiance, motivational moment and introductions. | |  | |
| Call to Order | | The general meeting was called to order by Chair Warren Chauvin at 9:03 a.m. with a quorum. | |  | |
| Minutes  Old  Business | | Motion Passed to approve January and June 2020 LRC General Meeting minutes was made by Gay Young and seconded by Glyn Butler. Motion passed without abstention or objection.  Gay Young informed the council that she will be following up with Teresa Milner regarding the progress of OOS for a consumer is requesting assistance to maintain employment. | |  | |
| Public Comment  Consumer’s  Story | | None  Former client shared her experience with Louisiana Rehabilitation Council. | |  | |
| LRS Director’s Reports | | Melissa Bayham informed the council that Tavares Walker is the new Assistant Secretary. Due to Hurricane Laura, the Lake Charles field office is closed. LRS employees are now working in their offices however the offices are not open to the public. Counselors are meeting with consumers virtually and using AwareSign and other platforms for electronic signatures. LRS is in the process of changing the OOS from 5 to 3 at the recommendation of RSA’s monitoring report. LRS is working to increase state wideness for Pre-ETS; however, it will be difficult due to Covid-19 restrictions. | |  | |
| Standing Committee Reports | | Eligibility and Planning –Gay is checking with Teresa Milner on the questions that LRS was going to send through the Rehab Net for State Directors to answer.  Employment Committee- None  Transition Committee- None | |  | |
| Chair’s Report | | NCSRC cancelled the fall conference and the CSAVR will be conducting a virtual conference November 6-11th. They are still working on the details of the workshop and cost. $30,000 budget for the 2020-2021 has been approved by LRS Director for the LRC. The CART contract is in the process of being approved for October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. Warren Chauvin announced the new appointments to the LRC. They include: Karen Roy (former applicant), Laura Stazio (represents individuals with disabilities who have difficulty representing themselves), Courtney Ryland (advocate for individuals with disabilities), Elise Alexander (Representative of the state educational agency), Laura Nata (representative from a parent training and information center), and Christa Blackwell (VR counselor). There are several vacant positions on the council; however, several individuals have applied and are waiting on Boards and Commissions. Warren Chauvin stated that there are several members on the executive committee  that their term has ended. They include: secretary, member at large, eligibility and planning committee chairperson, employment committee chairperson and transition committee chairperson. | |  | |
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| Member Reports | | CAP report- see attached report.  IDEA report- Transition is a priority. Department of Education (DOE) is reviewing the ways they connect to students and continuing the implementation. Baton Rouge Area Foundation and Exceptional Lives was selected as the vendor to provide transition information and resources to families. The work officially starts in October and goes on for the next three years. Act 833 renamed the April Dunn Act. DOE is contracting with Rebecca Hanberry out of Caddo Schools to make sure what they are putting out is responsive to school systems.  SILC report- see attached report.  WIC report- N/A | |  | |
| New Business | | | Nomination by Jessica Lewis for Dina Perkins to take the place of Secretary. Warren nominated Marvin Rush to take the place of the Member at Large (immediate past chairperson is unable to serve). For Eligibility and Planning Committee Chairperson, Alexis Young stated that she would be willing to be the chairperson. Laura Nata stated she would be willing to be the chairperson for Transition. For the Employment Standing Committee Chairperson, Courtney Ryland stating she was willing to accept the position. No other nominations were made from the floor. Warren Chauvin asked if there were any objections. There were no objections. There was no further discussion. The motion passed without objection.  Warren Chauvin discussed the Consumer Satisfaction Survey and the results. Chauvin discussed the negative feedback he received and the positive feedback he received. Warren asked if everyone was okay with the next meeting being October 22, 2020. Due to conflicts with several members schedule,  October 29, 2020 was agreed to. Nicole Miller informed the council that she was not sure if the meeting could be held  virtually and would be checking with the Attorney General’s office for guidance.  Nicole Miller asked for volunteers to assist with the LRC Annual Report that is due at the end of December. |  | |
| Future meeting dates | | | October 29, 2020, January 22, 2021, April 22, 2021 and July 22, 2021. |  | |
| Adjourn | | | Jessica Lewis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laura Nata and the Council adjourned without objection at 11:20am. |  | |
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**DATE: September 8, 2020**

**TO: LRC Committee**

**FROM: Glyn Butler-Kilbourne - CAP Representative, Disability Rights Louisiana**

**RE: CAP Report for September 10, 2020 Virtual Meeting**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Since June 2020, CAP has taken on 12 new cases. CAP continues to participate in meetings with LRS virtually and via telephone conference calls. Also, in response to the aftermath of Hurricane Laura, CAP has been tracking all clients who were located in the impacted areas to determine their needs. CAP has also been responding to requests for help from displaced individuals who are LRS clients, but not CAP clients

**TYPES OF CASES**

The issues are broken down below by Region:

**Region I (New Orleans Areas):**

* Assistance in getting linked to LRS for services and assistance in getting LRS to cover tuition cost to attend school to obtain a Master’s Degree;
* Assistance in getting LRS to assist with job placement and/or college training; and
* Assistance in getting LRS case reopened and a referral to Lighthouse

**Region II (Baton Rouge Areas):**

\_\_ No New Cases.

**Region IV (Lafayette Areas):**

* Two cases involving transition planning and getting the school district to pay both students for 3 days of work during the summer;
* Assistance in getting a new counselor assigned and assistance in getting AT devices; and
* Assistance with locating jobs that can be done from home

**Region V (Lake Charles Areas):**

* Assistance in getting LRS to reopen case regarding starting a small business enterprise;

**Region VI (Alexandria Areas):**

* Assistance in getting linked to LRS for job placement assistance and assistance in getting orientation and mobility training in order to qualify for a guide dog.

**Region VII (Shreveport Areas):**

* Assistance in getting linked to LRS for job placement assistance and for orientation and mobility training;
* Assistance in determining if LRS case is currently open or close and if close wants assistance in getting relinked to LRS for services in the area of job placement.

**Region VIII (Monroe Area)**

----- Disability Rights Louisiana received a message on our Facebook Page from an individual asking that contact be made with the assigned counselor to request that linkage to Ticket-to-Work continue along with job placement assistance due to being displaced as a result of Hurricane Laura. Although CAP did not have a release, CAP immediately reached out to the Regional Manager and took care of the matter.

**Administrative Reviews, Mediations and Fair Hearings**

CAP has one case that has a scheduled Mediation date of September 29, 2020.

**OUTREACHES**

On July 30, 2020, CAP conducted a virtual training to the statewide Parent Training and Information Center housed at Families Helping Families (FHF) of Greater New Orleans. The training covered the topics of pre-ETS, LRS, CAP, and WIPA services.

**TRAININGS**

CAP attended the virtual Ticket-to-Work webinar on August 26, 2020. CAP will also be attending the virtual Protection and Advocacy (P&A) and Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) Benefits training from September 14, 2020 to September 24, 2020.

**TRANSITION SERVICES**

As mentioned above, CAP does currently have two new cases involving transition services through Pre-ETS for school age youth.

This is still an area that CAP is concerned about because we do not get many transition cases. CAP has been looking at more ways to outreach directly to communities about CAP in general, as well as its role regarding transition services for school age youth with disabilities. CAP will be reaching out to Families Helping Families centers in all regions in order to discuss their role in transition cases and to discuss CAP’s role.

**SILC Report**

Director report May - August

* Update on new members
  + Have 7 new members including state agencies from LHC,VA, and OBH
  + 3 other state agencies representatives are terming off from, OCDD,OEA, and LRS. New persons will be appointed.
  + One member from the N.O. area will be appointed to SILC this week.
* Still waiting on approval from ACL regarding the SPIL.
* SILC programs
  + SILC will do some sort of virtual speaking seminar in September, still in development stages.
* Now assisting for Hurricane Laura relief efforts.
* The center in LC and Shreveport received some damages and now the LC office is operating out of the Lafayette office.