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State of Louisiana
Executive Board on Aging

**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 December 7, 2022 11:00 AM
L'Auberge Casino Ball Room A**

CALL TO ORDER

The Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) was called to order at 11:02 AM by Ms. Leslie Keen, LEBA Chairwoman; with Ms. Cheri Crain serving as Secretary, in person.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Donald Mallet
Invocation: Ms. Emily Tilley

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles "Buddy" Pugh
Ms. Blanche Wilks
Mr. Huey Beverly
Ms. Emily Tilley
Ms. Leslie Louviere-Keen
Mr. Donald Mallet
Mr. Ricco Thomas
Ms. Ann Keene
Mr. Johnny Berthelot
Ms. Heather Prejean

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Terry Courville
Mr. Willie Lewis
Mayor Gerard Landry
Ms. Worlita Jackson

GUESTS: Area Agency and Council on Aging Directors and staff

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

ROLL CALL

Chair, Ms. Leslie Louviere-Keen asked Ms. Cheri Crain to call the roll. Members present 10. A

quorum was established.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 21, 2022 were presented for approval. Ms. Crain indicted that the minutes need to be revised to reflect the updates from LACOADA **MOTION:** Ms. Ann Keene moved and it was seconded by Mr. Donald Mallet that the September 21, 2022 minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Ms. Shirley Merrick stated that Ms. Kayla Doyle emailed a copy to the Board members prior to the meeting. Ms. Merrick reviewed the report with the Board. Some highlights from the report:

Remembering those who Died:

Ms. Christolyn Sims, daughter of Ms. Worlita Williams, Ms. Robin Smith, GOEA EPS Supervisor, Alexandria Region Ms. Dorothy McDonald of Concordia Council on Aging and, Director of Tangipahoa COA's husband Mr. Frank Fleming

State Plan on Aging:

Every four years GOEA is required to submit for approval a State Plan to its Federal partner, the Administration for Community Living (ACL), that provides goals and objectives related to assisting older residents, their families and caregivers. This plan is due July 2023. The Compliance and Planning Unit under the leadership of Cheri Crain is tasked with preparing the Plan for submission. The Home and Community Based Services Unit under the leadership of Shavon Humphrey provides the assistance needed to the Area Agencies on Aging to prepare their four-year area plans that will be become a part of the state plan.

Disaster Update:

Kayla Doyle, Disaster Coordinator at GOEA sent a survey to Councils on Aging and Area Agencies in the northeast parishes after the November 29, 2022 weather event. The responses to the survey indicated that there were no issues from the weather event. Wednesday, November 30, 2022 marked the end of the Atlantic hurricane season. There were 14 named storms and 8 hurricanes (2 CAT 3+) and they all missed Louisiana. Let's be grateful. We are also thankful for recent federal support to aid in the ongoing recovery from Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Ida.

Senior Services:

We reported to you last quarter the number of units of services provided. This quarter we want to report on just who we are serving. Thanks to data received from the resident guru, Timothy Jones, I am able to present to you demographics for the population served for the federal fiscal year ending September 2022 on the attached chart. I want to also thank Jessica Ross, ADRC Manager for taking the demographics and putting into the great chart presentation on the attachment. Jessica is another IT genius at GOEA.

LACOADA: Presented by Ms. Darlene Schexnayder: The annual conference will be held January 24 - 25, 2023 at the Clarion Inn Conference Center in Gonzales, Louisiana. The trainings focus on training needs for the directors, i.e., human resources, best practices, COVID, etc. The conference will start around noon on the first day, 9:00 a.m. on the second day and end at noon on the third day. Discussed having the LEBA Quarterly meeting on January 25th at the conference.

LANA: Presented by Ms. Debbie Fleming: The annual conference just ended and was great. Next year's annual conference is scheduled for August 15 – 16, 2023 at the L'Auberge Casino in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The challenge for the annual conference next year is to gain new members and sponsors. Membership is \$50 a year and the conference fee is \$150. Trainings discussed included active shooter, people's choice, and partnering with AARP for a candidate for governor forum.

SCHEDULE 2022 QUARTERLY MEETINGS: The dates for the next year's quarterly meetings were discussed. The tentative dates scheduled for 2023:

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - Clarion Hotel Conference Center in Gonzales, LA at the LACOADA Conference
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Wednesday, December 6, 2023

MOTION: Ms. Blanche Wilks moved and seconded by Ms. Emily Tilley to approve the 2023 quarterly meeting schedule. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Ann Keene moved and seconded by Mr. Johnny Berthelot. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.

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