



Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

P.O. Box 91297
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9297

General Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2018

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Thursday, April 26, 2018

Members Present	Robert Lobos, Tommy Carnline, Cathy Lazarus, Warren Chauvin, Sue Killam, Jessica Lewis, Brian Wood, Nicole Walker, Eleanor Murrell, Alexis Young, Paul Genco
Members Absent	Rebecca Hanberry, Lanor Curole, Dina Perkins, Susanne Lentz, Nan Magness, Cliff Owens, Krista Scurria, Glyn Butler, Marvin Rush, Gay Young, Tarj Hamilton, Libby Murphy
Liaison	Kandy Baker
Guests Present	Theresa Milner, Angela Montgomery, Sigmund Morrel, Brenda Bohrer, Steven Johnston, Chris Anthony, Derek White, Lynn Blanchard, Ken York, Anne Jayes, April Dunn
Call to Order	The general meeting was called to order at 9:250a.m. without a quorum .
Motivational Minute	Moment of reflection and pledge of allegiance.
Minutes	January 25, 2018 LRC General Meeting Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made. The minutes will be presented for approval at the July LRC meeting.
Public Comment	None
LRS Director's Reports	Ken York, Assistant Director provided the report. Mark Martin retired effective March 2018. LRS approved new procedures for customized employment. LRS is working cooperatively with the DD Council on a customized employment pilot. Downward trends are noted for numbers served in the vocational rehabilitation (VR) due to closing of Order of Selection 1 last year and staff reductions. The numbers served in the Pre-Employment Transition services (Pre-ETS) program are increasing. Approximately 4,000 students with disabilities are receiving Pre-ETS services. WIOA mandates 15% of the VR funds are spent on Pre-ETS. LRS is in the process of hiring counselors and other staff. In the current legislative session, an amendment to HB 1 added 1M to LRS's budget. 1M SGF draws down 3.69M in federal funds for the program.



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Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) requires that certain expenditures in State VR Programs are preapproved by them and LRS has developed a process for submitting prior approval requests. RSA conducted a monitoring visit in which the LRC Chair, Bob Lobos participated. Their focus was on the performance of the VR program, transition services including Pre-ETS services, the state supported employment (SE) program, and the allocation expenditures of VR funds and SE funds. LRS is currently responding to their requests for additional information. Policy and procedure updates will be added to the July LRC meeting agenda.

Standing Committee

The LRC recessed to Standing Committees

Standing Committee Reports

Eligibility and Planning – see attached minutes.

Employment Committee: - see attached minutes.

Transition Committee – see attached minutes.

Lunch

Recess

Liaison Report

Membership: 24 seats filled; 2 vacancies: 1 Business, Industry and Labor and 1 Parent Training and Information Center. Newest member is Susanne Lentz representing Business, Industry and Labor. LA Dept. of Justice is offering free monthly trainings on topics relevant to members of boards and commissions. Registration is required. State Rehab Councils were given prior approval from RSA for travel to quarterly meetings. Out of state travel of LRC members requires prior approval from RSA.

Old Business

Nominating ad hoc committee report: Nominations reported as approved by the Executive committee: Chair- Tommy Carline, Vice Chair- Warren Chauvin, Secretary- Tarj Hamilton, At-Large-Nicole Walker, Eligibility & Planning- Gay Young, Employment- Krista Scurria, Transition - Sue Killam. Vote on nominations will occur at the July LRC meeting.



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- Chair Report** Lobos reported the LRC expended approximately \$15,000 to date. Recommend the LRC budget for SFY 2019 remain at \$30,000 to cover requests for out of state travel to CSAVR.
- Presentation** Kristi Jo Preston, DOE, presented on the Implementation of Graduation Pathways for Students with Disabilities: 2016-2017 School Year Analysis
- Member Reports**
- SILC report- Lewis stated that the SILC would like to add a member from the Alexandria Region. Advocacy and event activities were reviewed. The SILC will possibly add an ex-officio member from the Dept. of Transportation. The SILC may organize an independent living day at the capitol in conjunction with other advocate organizations. Working with EBR Mayor Sharon Broom to put together a Mayor's Advisory Council on Disability that would work in partnership with the SILC. The next SILC meeting is July 12-13, 2018 in Lake Charles.
- WIC report- Lobos explained that the WIC continues to support the efforts of the workforce development system for all job seekers including individuals with disabilities in their pursuit of high wage and high demand career opportunities throughout LA. Information provided on the long and short term occupational forecast.
- Consumer Presentation** Wayne Atkins, Baton Rouge Region
- New Business** Meeting date added to schedule: April 25, 2019
- Future meeting dates** July 26, 2018, October 25, 2018 and January 24, 2019



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APPENDIX A

Summary of Decisions Made

1. Lobos appointed Murphy to chair the Nominations Ad hoc committee for nominations of Council Officers.
2. Amended By laws were approved.

APPENDIX B

Glossary of Abbreviations

AIVRP	American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Program
CAP	Client Assistance Program
CSAVR	Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation
EC	Executive Committee of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
LAPTIC	Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center
LRC	Louisiana Rehabilitation Council
LRS	Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
LWC	Louisiana Workforce Commission
NCSRC	National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
TACE	Technical Assistance and Continuing Education
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
WIC	Workforce Investment Council
WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014