



Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

P.O. Box 91297
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General Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, January 26, 2017

Members Present Bob Lobos, Libby Murphy, Mark Martin, Ronald Key, Tommy Carline, Nicole Walker, Warren Chauvin, Sue Killam, Cathy Lazarus, Jean Hansen, Derek White, Laura Nata, Father Pat Mascarella, Lanor Curole, Jessica Lewis

Members Absent Natasha Aymami, Cassidy Byles, Rebecca Hanberry, Jonathan Trunnel, Nan Magness, and Cliff Owens

Liaison Kandy Baker

Guests Present Melissa Bayham, Lynn Blanchard, Chris Anthony, Bambi Polotzola, Teresa Milner, Susan Reed, Amy Houston, Daniel Burd, Raven LaBiche, W. Marie Clayton, Pearlina Boyd, James Dossey

Call to Order The general meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. with a quorum.

Minutes **Motion Passed** to approve October 27, 2016 minutes LRC General Meeting Minutes was made by Ronald Key, seconded by Nicole Walker and approved without abstention or objection.

LRS Director's Report Mark Martin discussed the LRS budget and services (report attached). LRS took a 20% cut to total budget which impacted Pre-ETS funding. Discussed LCTCS/Department of Corrections collaboration between LRS/LWC and the prisons. Discussed budget and impact to "traditional" VR services. Provided budget figures and expenditures.

The LRC recessed to Committees at 10:10 a.m.

Standing Committee Reports

Eligibility and Planning –

SA training update provided. The information is available and has been implemented.

Discussed whether considering current committee structure is there a need for this committee and what is their role.

Employment Committee:

Discussed Report Card and reviewed information from 6 other states' report card information.

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Transition Committee - outline and review of training curriculum for Pre-ETS.

Committee Reports Discussed

Liaison Report

Kandy Baker provided upcoming meeting dates, provided LRC membership update and submittal of LRC Annual Report.

Executive Committee Recommendations (EC)

Executive committee met from 8:00 am – 8:55 am

New Business

1. Discussion of LRC Member Roles & Responsibilities document. Committee agreed it is ready for the General Meeting for review.
2. Kandy provided information on the LRS Members and Boards and Commissions. Discussion ensued regarding recruiting members from the NE, NW and Central Louisiana. Discussion of potential members and categories of members. Also discussed state and/or federal agency regulations.
3. Discussion of Consumer Satisfaction Survey and committee work. The final survey tool and method of delivery was agreed upon to be presented by Sue Killam, Consumer Satisfaction Survey Ad Hoc Committee. **Motion Passed** to approve the survey with recommended changes was made by Ronald Key, seconded by Libby Murphy and approved without abstention or objection.
4. Tommy Carnline commended Northwestern State University and Catherine Fauchaux, Disabilities Coordinator, for going above and beyond in their efforts to successfully accommodate a NSU student and LRC consumer.
5. Legislative Update provided by Libby Murphy, Legislative Ad Hoc Committee -new session is expected sometime Feb. 2017.
 - Representative Walt Leger, Speaker Pro Tempore of the LA House of Representatives, supports LRS and requested help in identifying what can be done in the

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face of huge budget cuts and the impact to needed supports and services.

Consumer Presentation

Mr. James Dossey, LRS client

Member Reports

Member reports provided:

Lanor Curole reported on AIVRP
CAP report not provided in advance
IDEA report handout provided
Laura Nata reported on LaPTIC
Jessica Lewis reported on the SILC
Bob Lobos reported on the WIC

Public Policy Update

The Chair provided an update on the progress of the legislative session.

Future meetings

April 27, July 27, October 26, 2017 and January 25, 2018

New Business

Bob Lobos, Chair, discussed the LRC Member Roles and Responsibilities handout/document.

Motion Passed – by Cathy Lazarus, seconded by Libby Murphy to accept the document, and approved without abstention or objection.

Adjourn

Cathy Lazarus motioned to adjourn, seconded by Derek White and the Council adjourned at 4:02 p.m., without objection.

N.B. The contact person to send out all information or requests, etc. to VR staff is the LRC State Office Liaison

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APPENDIX A

Summary of Decisions Made

1. The LRC will have interpreters available at every LRC meeting for at least the two hour minimum and on call for the rest of the meeting.
2. The Chair referred discussions on the following topics to the Transition Committee to deliver recommendations to the full body on providing input to the Director.
 1. Edits to proposed requirements to become a PETS provider
4. The Chair referred discussions on increasing access to Social Security employment programs in Louisiana to the Eligibility and Planning Committee to deliver recommendations to the full body.
5. LRC will develop and adopt a format of roles and responsibilities for its members and have the Executive Committee report recommendations to the council at the next meeting.
6. Elected Officers: Chair, Bob Lobos; Vice-Chair, Tommy Carnline; Secretary, Sue Killam; Eligibility and Planning Committee Chair, Cathy Lazarus; Employment Committee Chair, Nicole Walker; Transition Committee Chair, Warren Hebert, Member-at-large, Libby Murphy (immediate past Chair).
7. The LRC requests a status report from the Director to keep the LRC apprised of the current situation of how cuts will be applied and that LRC be involved to the extent necessary or helpful.
8. The LRC requests field personnel be asked to make recommendations (e.g. what's working well, where cuts should be, tightening eligibility for VR, spending limits, shared cost, eligibility criteria for specific services, etc.).

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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

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