



Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

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

General Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2018

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Thursday, January 25, 2018

- Members Present** Glyn Butler, Tommy Carnline, Warren Chauvin, Paul Genco, Tarj Hamilton, Rebecca Hanberry, Sue Killam, Cathy Lazarus, Jessica Lewis, Bob Lobos, Eleanor Murrell, Dina Perkins, Marvin Rush, Nicole Walker, Brian Wood, Alexis Young, Gay Young
- Members Absent** Lanor Curole, Nan Magness, Mark Martin, Libby Murphy, Cliff Owens, Krista Scurria
- Liaison** Kandy Baker
- Guests Present** Teresa Milner, Mindy Brown, Derick White, Lynn Blanchard, Susan Reed, Anne Jayes, Sigmund Morel, Brenda Bohrer, M. Beth Forester, Amy Houston
- Call to Order** The general meeting was called to order by Bob Lobos, Chairperson, at 9:17 or 9:20 a.m. with a quorum.
- Motivational Minute** Moment of reflection and pledge of allegiance.
- Minutes** Motion to approve July 27, 2017 LRC General Meeting Minutes was made by Carnline, seconded by Walker. **Motion Passed** without abstention or objection. Motion to approve October 26, 2017 LRC General Meeting Minutes was made by Killam, seconded by Hanberry. **Motion Passed** without abstention or objection.
- LRS Director's Report** Teresa Milner, LRS Bureau Administrator, provided the report. Rehabilitation Service Administration will monitor LRS in 2018 and their onsite visit is scheduled for March 12-16, 2018. LRS is at level funding in the SFY2019 Executive budget. Estimates are that approximately \$1.2M will be reimbursed to LRS through the Social Security Ticket to Work program in SFY 2018. LA State Parks seek to hire LRS consumers for seasonal jobs in state park jobs this spring and summer. Brenda Bohrer, LRS Employment Development Program Coordinator, is working closely with them. Order of Selection Category One opened on January 8th. As of December, 774 individuals were on the waiting list in Categories 2 through 5. LRS conducted statewide training in contracts, customer service, quality assurance, vocational guidance and counseling, and the WIOA updates. LRS has nine third party cooperative arrangements for pre-employment transition services and will soon have a tenth.



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Standing
Committee

The LRC recessed to Standing Committees

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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 Eleanor Morrell, VR Counselor. The 2017 LRC Annual Report was submitted to RSA. Accepting recommendations from members on any changes in format for the 2018 report. Annual ethics training due annually. Council preference for meeting location is at the same hotel where members stay overnight.

Motion to approve the amended By laws was made by Carnline, seconded by Rush. **Motion Passed** without abstention or objection.

Chair Report

Lobos appointed Murphy chair to the Nominating Ad hoc committee. A new Executive Committee will be voted on at the April meeting. Baker will research a new meeting location based on feedback from the Council. New member orientation on Jan. 24th was successful and survey feedback was appreciated.

Presentation

Anne Jayes, Director of Public Policy at Lighthouse Louisiana, provided a legislative update and highlighted the importance of advocacy and educating legislators about the cost benefit of funding vocational rehabilitation services.



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Member Reports

CAP report- The Advocacy Director resigned. Butler is handling CAP cases and Daryn Broussard is handling CAP cases in the Shreveport office. CAP continues to work with LRS to resolve consumer complaints/issues as early as possible.

IDEA report- Hanberry explained that DOE continues to work on Louisiana Connectors- standards for students with significant disabilities. DOE is scheduled to release performance reports related to students with disabilities: the State Performance Plan and the annual Performance Report. The full report will be posted in the Student with Disabilities library on www.louisianabelieves.com.

SILC report- Lewis stated that the SILC developed a policy and procedure manual as required by the SILC Standards and Indicators. The 704 Report, SILC performance report, was submitted. The SILC Annual Report was provided. The next SILC meeting is April 5-6, 2018 in Lake Charles.

WIC report- Lobos explained that the WIC continues to approved Industry Based Certifications based on occupational forecasts to prepare job seekers for high wage, high demand careers in LA. Shannon Joseph, OWD Director, explained the new policy guidelines for American Job Centers and One Stops to the WIC.

New Business

Meeting date added to schedule: January 24, 2019

Future meetings

April 26, 2018, July 26, 2018 & October 25, 2018

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Perkins motioned to adjourn, seconded by Carnline and the Council adjourned without objection.



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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