



Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

P.O. Box 91297
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General Meeting Minutes

October 27th 2016

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Thursday, October 27, 2017

Members Present Bob Lobos, Mark Martin, Ronald Key, Tommy Carnline, Nicole Walker, Warren Chauvin, Sue Killam, Rebecca Hanberry, Cathy Lazarus, Jonathan Trunnel, Derek White, and Father Pat Mascarella

Members Absent Lanor Curole, Libby Murphy, Laura Nata, Jean Hansen
Nan Magness, and Cliff Owens

Liaison Paige Kelly, Kandy Baker

Guests Present Melissa Bayham, Ken York, Stephen Johnston, Chris Anthony, Brenda Bohrer, Jessica Lewis, Bambi Polotzola, Lynn Blanchard, Susan Reed, and Glyn Butler

Call to Order The general meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. with a quorum.

Minutes **Motion Passed** to approve July 28, 2016 General Meeting Minutes was made by Warren Chauvin, seconded by Tommy Carnline, and approved without abstention or objection.

Liaison Report Paige Kelly discussed council membership and the new Executive Order which adds a seat for a representative of rehab technology. There are now 26 seats with 4 vacancies. The next meeting dates in 2017 are January 26, April 27, July 27 and October 26. Meetings will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Baton Rouge. The SILC requested a joint meeting in the future. The LRC Annual Report is due December 31, 2016 to Rehabilitation Service Administration. The LRC Consumer Satisfaction survey is completed every three years and the results are due June 2017.

Executive Committee Recommendations (EC) Executive committee met from 8:00 am – 8:45 am (report/minutes attached)

Chair presented (quarterly report): Continued discussion of Programs of Work (goals and priorities) for 2016-2017

- Continue educating legislators on IWD funding continuance
- Identify and remove obstacles keeping small businesses from hiring IWD
- Educate Louisiana about large percentage of top demand jobs being filled by VR consumer
- Focus more on outcomes and less on process

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Bylaws revisions discussed and revisions to be distributed for consideration at January meeting.

Motion Passed to establish an Ad hoc Consumer satisfaction committee – chair, Sue Killam Chauvin and Carnline 2nd.

- Passed without objection or abstention.

Bylaws need to be revised and allow 30 days to review before voting on these revisions.

LRS Director's Report

Mark Martin discussed the LRS budget, provided information and updates/progress on agency initiatives including Jobs for American Graduates (JAG), Department of Corrections, AT, Second Injury Fund, Job Placement, CRPs, Resource Development/State Plan (approved by Labor, Education and is "in force") updates, Blind Services and Performance Planning.

Member Reports

Member reports provided are included as addenda.

Motion passed during the WIC report for LRC to 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 by Lobos and seconded by Laura Nata.

- Passed with one abstention and no objections.

Consumer Presentation

Kiera Beverly presented to the Council.

Public Policy Update

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

The LRC recessed to Committees at 2:15 p.m.

Standing Committee Reports

Eligibility and Planning – Substance abuse screening tools on website and in counselor toolbox. Training will occur over the next three months.

Discussed meeting needs of un-served and LRS intake instrument. A recommendation to consider weighted rather

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than binary scales was made and the committee is requesting follow up.

Employment Committee: Monitoring of CRP's - waiting on an update from LRS regarding the status of creating a "report card" for CRP's and to hear what the counselors and the consumers would like to see on a "report card". Members expressed concern over the slowness of this process.

Review of LRS current data was tabled due to time constraints.

Transition Committee - outline of what is included in the training curriculum for Pre-ETS.

SILC report- Jessica Lewis provided in advance of meeting

CAP report not provided in advance.

Laura Nata provided information on Parent Training Information.

Bob Lobos presented WIC report. Discussed Sept 13th meeting. Demand-driven workforce development is the focus. John White attended and provided an Education update. Additional details will be available when the meeting minutes are made available to this council.

Committee Reports Discussed

Future meetings

January 26, 2017

New Business

No new business was introduced.

Adjourn

Warren Chauvin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Nicole Walker and the Council adjourned at 4:00 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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