



Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

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

General Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017

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Thursday, October 26, 2017

Members Present	Libby Murphy, Mark Martin, Warren Chauvin, Sue Killam, Jessica Lewis, Dina Perkins, Brian Wood, Glyn Butler, Lanor Curole, Krista Scurria, Marvin Rush
Members Absent	Nicole Walker, Nan Magness, Cliff Owens, Paul Genco, Tarj Hamilton, Rebecca Hanberry, Gay Young, Bob Lobos, Cathy Lazarus, Tommy Carnline, Alexis Young
Liaison	Kandy Baker
Guests Present	Teresa Milner, Chris Anthony, April Dunn, Mindy Brown, Derick White, Stephen Johnson, Lynn Blanchard, Susan Reed, Anne Jayes, Maritza Narez, Jean Hansen, Shelly Hebert, Bambi Polotzola, Christa Blackwell, Beau Ellerbee, Sigmund Morel, Angela Montgomery, Ginger Rush, DeAnna Harris, Jody Villeneuve, Jericka Smith
Call to Order	The general meeting was called to order by Libby Murphy, assigned Chairperson, at 9:22 a.m. without a quorum.
Motivational Minute	Libby Murphy read an inspirational letter written by a 10 year old that expressed gratitude to LA Association for the Blind for the services provided to her mother that increased her independence.
Minutes	No action was taken to approve July 2017 LRC General Meeting Minutes without a quorum.
LRS Director's Report	Mark Martin, LRS Director, discussed the LRS budget, services, where VR is headed, what LRS is doing and how the LRC can help. Mark provided an overview of the number of individuals on the waiting list (1,394) and the number of individuals in each region that were targeted to receive services. Discussion of the number served in Pre-ETS services per region and vendors. The LRC recessed to Committees at 10:05 a.m.
Standing Committee Reports	<u>Eligibility and Planning</u> – no report due to no members attended. <u>Employment Committee</u> : - see attached minutes. <u>Transition Committee</u> – see attached minutes.
Presentation	Stephen Johnston presented a power point on Third Party Cooperative Arrangements.
Lunch	Recess



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- Liaison Report** Membership: 22 seats filled; 4 vacancies: 2 Business, Industry and Labor, 1 VR Counselor, and 1 Parent Training and Information Center. Eleanor Morrell applied for the VR Counselor opening. New member orientation ad hoc committee includes Dina Perkins, Libby Murphy, Bob Lobos, and Marvin Rush. Proposed orientation date is January 24, 2018. LRC Annual Report ad hoc committee includes Bob Lobos, Tommy Carnline, and Jessica Lewis. The report is due December 31, 2017. Annual on line ethics training due December 31, 2017. Ethics Board provided an exemption to the LRC regarding completing the Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Form.
- Chair Report** Amended by-laws and the July 2017 meeting minutes will be voted on at the January 2018 meeting. Legislative update: fiscal cliff anticipated for SFY 2019 and advocacy is important. Recommend setting a legislative agenda at the January meeting and share a common message when advocating.
- Consumer Presentation** LRS client, Beau Ellerbee, Vision Rehab Instructor at Lighthouse LA in Baton Rouge
- Member Reports**
- AIVRP report- Lanor Curole discussed the history of the 121 Program, funding and challenges facing the 121 Program; in particular with transition services.
- CAP report- Glyn Butler announced that Daryn Broussard is the new CAP Advocate in the Shreveport office. CAP continues to work with LRS as complaints are raised by consumers to resolve issues at the regional level. Discussed the issue of vendors who refuse to work with clients with particular demographics.
- IDEA report- Warren Chauvin presented the report for Rebecca Hanberry. Six regional advisory councils were initiated to best serve transition students. 600 teachers trained in individual based certifications.
- SILC report- Jessica Lewis attended the NCIL conference in July 2017. The SILC Congress will be in Orlando, FL in February 2018. The 704 Report, SILC performance report, is due December 31, 2017.
- WIC report- Libby Murphy presented information for Bob Lobos from the WIC meeting. Handouts included information on WIC and the JAG program



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| New Business | DD Council Employment Program is November 9, 2017.
Meeting date added to schedule: October 24, 2018 |
| Future meetings | January 25, 2018, April 26, 2018 & July 26, 2018 |
| Public Comment | Bambi Polotzola explained the Employment First round tables held around the state to identify barriers to employment. GODA is reaching out to agencies discussing the employment of individuals with disabilities. Plan is for state agencies to be a model for employing individuals with disabilities. |
| Adjourn | Jessica Lewis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dina Perkins and the Council adjourned at 2:45 p.m., without objection. |



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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

LRC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017, 8:00 .m. – 9:00 a.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

Present: Warren Chauvin, Sue Killam, Kandy Baker, Libby Murphy, Jessica Lewis

Absent: Bob Lobos, Cathy Lazarus, Tommy Carnline

Guest(s): Derek White

Minutes: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Libby Murphy, at 8:07 am without a quorum which was established at 8:15 am with the arrival of member J. Lewis

Old Business

1. July, 2016 Executive Committee minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved – Killam (1st) and Chauvin (2nd)
2. Discussion of LRC By Laws – reviewed by Kandy Baker who provided a copy of the by-laws and highlighted all of the changes for the committee. One particular change is to add a representative from the area of rehabilitation technologies to the member composition – Lewis (1st) and Chauvin (2nd) motioned to approve the report and changes.
3. Discussion of LRC Membership by Kandy Baker. 22 seats filled with 4 vacancies: 2 in business and labor, 1 for the Parent Training Center. The Council is in compliance with a majority of the members being individuals with disabilities. Proposal to develop a member roster which includes member photos and bios. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee Kandy will reach out to NM due to attendance issues.
4. Legislative update provided by Libby Murphy who gave an overview of the fast-approaching “fiscal cliff” and provided recommendations for the committee to advocate and to monitor the progress of the upcoming legislative session and funding. Specifically, the \$1 billion that will drop off the tax rolls. A new session is expected sometime in February 2018 but has not yet been called.

New Business

5. Kandy provided information on the LRS new member orientation which will occur prior to the January meeting. An ad hoc committee will be formed to plan the orientation.
6. An ad hoc committee will be formed to develop the LRC Annual Report due December 31, 2017.

Other Business (none)

Adjourn

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. with Killiam (1st) and Lewis (2nd).

Approved 1/25/2018

LRC TRANSITION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

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In attendance: Sue Killam, April Dunn, Krista Surria, Glyn Butler, Marvin Rush, Chris Anthony, Sigmund Morel, and Warren Chauvin

1.) Killam reported that LSUHDC is planning on holding a One Day Summit on Transition in New Orleans around January 2018 or February 2018. She will let us know once it is approved. It will be held for self-advocates, parents, school system personnel, LRS Counselors, Pre-ETS Providers, and anyone else that is interested in Transition Services.

Action item: Would like a resolution from the LRC in support of this summit.

2.) Jump Start is not just for students with disabilities. Any student that is interested can enter Jump Start. There are 416 students in JAG (Jobs for American Graduates). JAG is also not only for students with disabilities. There is an Alternative Pathway through Jump Start under ACT 833 that students with disabilities should be able to access in order to graduate from high school. The Transition Subcommittee is interested in obtaining the percentages of students with disabilities that are entering each Pathway.

The Jump Start Report is still not complete and will not be completed until December 2017. Besides that, the report will be for the school year 2015-2016 which will have results before the implementation of Pathways. They are always one year behind. This report will be a good baseline to help determine if the different Pathways are working in the future. The 2016-2017 Report will be completed by December 2018. It takes this length of time because it must go through accountability before any information is released.

3.) The LDOE announced that they are awarding \$350,000.00 in grant funding to build and implement new programming to prepare students with significant disabilities for employment and/or educational opportunities after high school to six recipients. They are The River Parish Area (St. James, St. Charles, and St. John), St. Helena Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Iberia Parish, Collegiate Academy, and Monroe City Schools. Each award recipient will be in partnership with various community partners. Once the project is under way they will tour around the state. They will have to carry out the project, learn how to create opportunities for transition students, improve existing pipelines to get students ready for the programs. Create at least six advisory councils around the state to help support the program and guide the partners in the right directions to assist the students with transitioning out of high school. Community partners on the Advisory Councils may include but are not limited to the school systems, LRS, Developmental Disabilities Agencies, local post-secondary training/educational sites, local businesses, etc. The goal is to basically insure that these students will be offered appropriate opportunities to be included in their specific communities.

4.) LRS, informed us that there are 17 counselors strictly working with Transition Students. This number is extremely low, considering the number of school systems that are in Louisiana. A recommendation from Sue Killam was that since it is within a clients' rights, the transition students should be encouraged and supported to learn how to generate their own IPE, they should be taught this in high school. If so, can this be a part of Pre-ETS and the individuals working in Pre-ETS with these students would need training in this area.

Warren J. Chauvin

Chairman, Transition Subcommittee

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Employment Committee Meeting Minutes
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Members Present: Jessica Lewis, Brian Wood, Dina Perkins

Member Absent: Nicole Walker, Tommy Carnline, Cliff Owens, Krista Scurria

LRS Staff Present: Angela Montgomery and Brenda Bohrer

- The meeting was called to order by Jessica Lewis
- Spoke about community rehabilitation program.
- Motion was passed to approve the July 27, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion by Brian Wood and seconded by Dina Perkins, approved without objection or abstention.
- Motion to process standards that rehabilitation program use as a guide for services.
- Would like to see a show of a list of standards
- Expressed that one person monitors the entire state.
- Ms. Montgomery gave a definition of One Stop of all that do not know and gave information on LRS VR program.
- Suggested that there is a list of different programs that LRS offers to give to consumers
- Was explained that LRS AND LWC are the same but different
- Spoke about where One Stops come in.
- Issues agency's not communicating effectively.
- Touched on Employment First (EF) and education
 - Falls back on schools being open to LRS
 - Explained about EF and steps to reach the employers.
- Education to legislators is needed to do the EF plan.
- Creating the report card and a system of monitoring of CRP's performance and indicators
- Increase access to IWD
- Need certification of job coaches (CESP can do that with APSE)
- Start looking at a report card form examples
- Certification is an issue. Only 1 certification is being pushed and should give venders options.
- Reminded people to visit One Stops once a year