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| *Thursday, October 24, 2019* |  |
| Members Present | Tommy Carnline, Warren Chauvin, Sue Killam, Melissa Bayham, Megan Thompson, Eleanor Murrell, Alexis Young, Glyn Butler, Tarj Hamilton, Paul Genco |  |
| Members Absent | Cathy Lazarus, Suzanne Lentz, Jessica Lewis, Robert Lobos, Libby Murphy, John Cliff Owens, Dina Perkins, Marvin Rush, Nicole Walker, Brian Wood, Gay Young, Krista Scurria |  |
| Liaison | Nicole Miller |  |
| Guests Present | Lynsey Hebert, Anne Jayes, Courtney Ryland, Stephen Johnston, Teresa Milner, Kathy Gauche, Eva Triplett, Tom Graves, Justin Stafford, Angela Montgomery, Lynn Blanchard, Dehi Sickles, James Dossey |  |
| Motivational Minute  | Pledge of allegiance, motivational moment and introductions.  |  |
| Call to Order | The general meeting was called to order by Chair Warren at 9:04 a.m. without a quorum.  |  |
| Minutes | No action was taken to approve April and July 2019 LRC General Meeting Minutes without a quorum.  |  |
| Public Comment  | Courtney Ryland, with the Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) would also like to address, people who are being un served or underserved in rural areas. She would like to recommend that a financial incentive component be added to some services for these populations to be served.  |  |
| LRS Director’s Reports | Bayham answered members questions regarding if an individual receiving social security disability insurance as a disabled adult child should be considered a single person household instead of using the entire family income. Bayham confirmed that LRS would make sure counselors and managers know the regulation and the procedures on this situation. Bayham also addressed pre employment transition services. Currently there is approximately 2, 051 students in Pre-ETS. The regions are working to compile a list of schools that have not allowed LRS into the school to provide Pre-ETS services. Once the list is compiled, a letter will be sent, to schedule a meeting with each district to discuss Pre-ETS. There are currently 11 districts that have TPCAs. The JAG program moved from Department of Education to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, under Office of Workforce Development.  |  |
| Standing Committee Reports | Eligibility and Planning –NoneEmployment Committee- NoneTransition Committee- None |  |
| Chair’s ReportLiaison Report | Chauvin reported that the the Customer Satisfaction Survey is due this year and the council will use the same format and questions as 2017 with the addition of Pre-ETS questions.Some of the prioritizes of the council will be to improve the relationships between regional offices and the vendors, work on improving the delivery of services for Pre-ETS students and pipeline for job placement with “big” companies at the different employment levels. Membership and attendance were reviewed; 22 member seats are filled and 4 vacancies: 1 Business and Labor, 1 Parent Training Center, 1 Director of Federal Section 121 Project, and 1 former recipient of LRS services. The governor’s office is putting together a list of the boards and commissions, the different councils, a list of the members with the vacancies. The annual report is due by December 31st.  |  |
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| Member Reports | CAP report- see attached report.  IDEA report- The MOU is LRS and the Department of Education has been signed. Department of Education is looking into students being able to attend a fifth year of school if they do not quality for TOPS and have not earned a statewide credential. The student would be able to earn college credit while hopefully becoming eligible for TOPS. SILC report- N/AWIC report- N/A |  |
| New Business | Angela Montgomery presented to the council on Competitive Integrated Employment. The proposed future meeting date is October 22, 2020. |  |
| Future meeting dates | January 23, 2020, April 23, 2020, July 24, 2020 and October 22,2020. |  |
| Adjourn | Genco motioned to adjourn, seconded by Young and the Council adjourned without objection. |  |
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October 23, 2019

TO: LRC Committee

FROM: Glyn Butler - CAP Representative

RE: October 2019 CAP Report

**TYPES OF CASES:**

CAP is still seeing an increase in clients who are wanting to return to a college or university or are enrolled in school and are at the point of graduating, but are unable to take all of the last hours of coursework at one time. There has been an increase in cases in which clients need transportation assistance to/from work or reimbursement for trips to doctor/evaluation appointments setup by LRS or timely mileage reimbursement to school. CAP is still getting cases in which clients are stating that the vendors are not actively assisting in job placement and or job placement that suit their abilities. CAP is still receiving many cases involving communication issues between the LRS counselor and the client especially in instances where the case may have been assigned to different counselors at different times.

CAP has opened several cases for clients who originally contacted Advocacy Center (AC) for services under the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security Benefits (PABSS) Program. Most of these clients did not understand or know who LRS is or the types of services LRS provides. CAP is also referring more cases to WIPA for benefits planning assistance.

CAP has one recent case in which the individual may have requested an administrative review regarding their wanting to attend UNO’s film and screen writing program rather than the program at LSU. Individual is stating that this is necessary because of his of physical disabilities and and the program at UNO being ranked higher than LSU’s program. There is also an issue involving the individual signing a lease for an apartment and LRS is not willing to cover the cost.

**OUTREACHES:**

CAP has not conducting any recent outreaches. However, I did have a telephone meeting with Ms. Ariel Test who is a Civil Attorney with the Orleans Parish Juvenile Public Defenders Program and I was able to link her to Mrs. Melissa Bayham and Mr. Sigmund Morel. I also explained the CAP Program and the services provided under CAP.

**TRAININGS:**

CAP has not attended or participated in any recent trainings, but CAP along with the Director of WIPA (Zane Richardson) will be conducting an outreach to the Lafayette LRS office about our respective programs. We are also looking at doing the same with the other LRS Regions during the 2020 fiscal year.

**TRANSITION SERVICES:**

CAP currently has one case involving transition services through Pre-ETS for school age youth. This case is still ongoing; New Iberia Senior High is unwilling to allow pre-ETS services through LRS in the school. The client was hospitalized and the provider changed and I was finally ale to get updated information regarding client’s status.

CAP has one new transition case in which the client is 17 years old, in the ninth grade, and is not receiving pre-Ets. This is still an area that CAP is concerned about. CAP is also still requesting to be included at the LRS table if/when meetings are scheduled to discuss transition related topics/issues and or planning.