



**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
SFY 20 Regular Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2019**

I. Call to Order – Meeting was delayed by Chairperson E. Garrett due to technical issues. Meeting was called to order at 9:20.

II. Invocation/Silent Prayer- Led by Dan Arabie

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Dan Arabie

IV. Roll Call – Nathan Vitale – a quorum of Commissioners was present (10).

Commissioners Present:

Lisa Potter	Dr. Lee Mendoza	Jay Isch	Kevin Monk
Iva Tullier	Melissa Bayham (Chris Anthony designee)		Candice LeBlanc
Ernest Garrett	Dawn Melendez	Rep. Patricia Smith	

Commissioners Not Present:

Sen. Yvonne Colomb	Jimmy Gore	Rebecca Beard	Richie Fraychineaud
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LCD Staff: Jana Broussard Nathan Vitale

Interpreters: Sylvie Sullivan Laura Sicignano Elisabeth Gill Donovan Williams

Captionist: Evangeline Langston- Gulf Coast Stenography

V. Approval of December 20th, 2019 Meeting Agenda –J. Isch/Rep. P. Smith. No objections

VI. Approval of June 13th, 2019 Meeting Minutes – L. Mendoza/ Rep. P. Smith. No objections

VII. Public Comment- Dan Arabie – DeafBlind Specialist position (under LCD) Recommendation

VIII. Business Requiring Commission Action

A. Old Business

1. Website and accessibility update – Andrea Outhuse from Bureau of Family Health Communications Enrichment Team.
 - a. Updated progress report; website is now live; accessibility feature will be added to LCD and LDH website after New Year.
 - b. E. Garrett approaches need for social media and LCD logo; CIA discussed need to go through Bureau of Media and Communications (BMAC) which is at the LDH level; L. Mendoza provided history in regards to prior approval through LDH for LCD to have a social media page; CIA discusses need for mission and values (a brand) in order to have a logo- again related to BMAC.
2. Nominations for Secretary- postponed (no objection)



B. New Business

1. Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement- Brianna Blanchard
 - a. Request from commission for feedback regarding placement cards in Peace Keeping officer's cars for dealing with DDBHH population per legislation passed in 2018. Legislation required the post council to create and publish a training for all peace officers in the state along with the approval of communication cards.
 - b. Public comment requesting identification card in regards to DDBHH child in car
2. Approval of 2020 Public meeting dates; J. Isch/ L. Mendoza. No objections
3. FY20 Priorities for the Commission- members weighed in on personal priorities; Motion to accept priorities- J. Isch/L. Potter. No objections
 - a) Search for Executive Director- Commissioners will need to be selected for search- Chair, Vice-Chair, one other commissioner; LDH/BFH leadership. Commissioners make recommendation to LDH/BFH leadership.
 - b) Revision of LCD Legislation/Rule (to include Interpreter Certification/Licensure discussion; Commission membership seat, etc) – J. Isch has begun a draft. C. Leblanc, J. Gore interested parties
 - c) Emergency Preparedness- J. Isch (lead) L. Potter, D. Melendez, I. Tullier as interested parties

Other topics included: Police Commission cards- C. LeBlanc, D. Melendez, J. Isch as interested parties; captioning at the Capitol- Rep. P. Smith, L. Potter, J. Isch, L. Mendoza as interested parties; amended to add Social media/Communication strategies- L. Mendoza, K. Monk, D. Melendez as interested parties.

IX. Business for Information Purpose/Reports

A. Director's Report- Jana Broussard

1. One pager documents- snapshot of workgroup sessions in 2018 and LCD follow up through 2019
2. CIA website update live as of November 26, 2019; content videos via ASL to be added after new year
3. In-house operations- Internal database complete and should be live soon; research as to how database can consolidate consumer information and expedite application processes; research into programmatic changes regarding paper versus electronic options; continued discussions with LA Interactive on necessary database revisions and future add-ons, including but not limited to QR Code (SSP electronic verification);
4. State services- HAP waiting list reduced by half state-wide, some regions have no waiting list due to FY20 increase in funding; continued weekly meetings with outside consultant regarding HAP revisions; Addition of new equipment to TAP; DeafBlind taskforce creation eliminated need of LCD hosted feedback and workgroup sessions- report to be submitted to agency and LCD office in next few months
5. HCR update- HCR 80 (led by LDH and LCD) has hosted two public stud resolution meetings regarding patient-centered communication in healthcare settings-interim report to be submitted early January; third meeting to provide final resolutions on Feb 03, 2020. HCR 50- (led by Dept of Insurance) no update as of meeting time.



- B. **Legislators Reports-** Sen. Y. Colomb – Not Present; Representative Patricia Smith provides last report as she terms out- thanks Commission and community for support and hard work. Commissioner Isch presents her with a certificate of appreciation.
- C. **Officer Reports-** E. Garrett, Chair- accepts responsibilities as Chair; Jimmy Gore, Vice Chair- absent; Secretary- vacant
- D. **Relay Administration Board Report-** None; seats vacant
- E. **Commissioners' Reports –**
- a. Jay Isch – Louisiana Association for the Deaf (LAD) hosting workshop with presenter Gary Olson, former ADA president, at Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD) in the student game room, January 11th, from 9:00-5:00. January 13th is Governor Inauguration. Commissioner Isch will also be in attendance for the swearing ceremony of Representative Sellers who is taking Representative P. Smith's place. Last week of February (29th) Deaf Focus hosting ASL slam event.
 - b. Rebecca Beard- absent
 - c. Lisa Potter- no report
 - d. D. Melendez (LRID)- LRID Spring workshop April 18th in Alexandria related to medical interpreting. Concerns related to Emergency preparedness, lack of interpreter education, lack of tactile interpreters. Requests training.
 - e. Richie Fraychineaud- absent
 - f. Iva Tullier- National Cued Speech Association is having their quarterly board meeting in New Orleans weekend of March 27-28. She will be teaching a beginning Cued American English class, date TBD. Classes range 12-14 hours.
- F. **State Agency Reports-**
- a. Melissa Bayham- La Workforce Commission- Designee passed
 - b. Kevin Monk- Vocational Rehab- No report
 - c. Dr. Lee Mendoza- La Dept. of health- Program update related to Hepatitis C- since July 2,500 people have been treated for Hep. C. Goal is to treat 10,000 people by end of next year. Free screenings have been set up in 10 Walmarts around the state. They are hoping to expand statewide as soon as possible. Dr. Rebecca Gee (LDH) has been named by the New York Times as one of the five people who changed the world in 2019 due to this program. Medicaid eligibility needs to be renewed via person, online, or by mail. Failure to do so could impact services received.
 - d. E. Garrett (chair) Dept. of Education- Currently in active search for next Director of the Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD). Hope to have selected by end of March beginning of April. That individual will become a member of LCD Commission board.
 - e. Candice LeBlanc (DCFS)- no report

Announcements- All state offices are closed closed December 24th and 25th and also December 31st and January 1st for the holidays. Next meeting will be held February 14, 2020, at 9 am – 12 pm, Bienville Building Rm 118.

Meeting adjourned 11:59 am.



Draft of minutes prepared 01/29/2020 by: Jana Broussard via transcription services by Gulf Coast Stenography.

Minutes corrected on _____ Secretary _____

Date

Signature

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