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JUNE S. WILLIAMS Chairman

State Of Conisiana Executive Board on Aging

MINUTES OF THE LA EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING (LEBA) MEETING GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS 525 Florida, 4th Floor, Room 427, 10:00 AM Baton Rouge LA November 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting of the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) was called to order at 10:00 AM by June Williams, LEBA Chairman, with Carol Frain serving as Secretary, at the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, 525 Florida 4th Floor Room 427 Baton Rouge LA 70801. Invocation: Vanue LaCour, Jr. Pledge of Allegiance: Willie Lewis.

ROLL CALL MEMBERS PRESENT

June Williams
Huey Beverly
Vanue LaCour
Willie Lewis
Pat Regan
Myrtle Winbush

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rose Sibley
Annette Kelly
Raymond Franklin
Noah Aguillard
Donald Mallet
Jo Ann Walker
Lee Perry Roy

2 VACANCIES – Governor, PSC#1; Senate PSC#2

GOEA STAFF: Karen Ryder, GOEA Deputy Assistant Director; Paul Colomb, GOEA Legal Counsel; and Carol Frain, GOEA Administrative Assistant. **Guests**: **HANDOUT 1**

JUNE WILLIAMS, LEBA CHAIRMAN

LEBA Chairman June Williams declared a quorum was present with (6) members in attendance. **HANDOUT 2**Motion: — To approve the August 14, 2012 minutes as written, Huey Beverly. 2nd Willie Lewis. Motion carried. Chairman Williams asked for each board member and each attendee to introduce themselves.

Chairman Williams thanked everyone in attendance for their continued support. Interviews for the GOEA Executive Director have been postponed at this time due to the resignation of Tammy Woods, Office of Community Programs Director. There continues to be a hiring and salary freeze for the Governor's Executive Department. Ms. Williams suggested that the Board wait until funding is assured for the GOEA Executive Director's position before receiving input from the Councils on Aging on filling that position.

An open discussion was held to elaborate on the efficacy of LEBA's existence. Currently, LEBA is responsible for recommending a nominee for the directorship of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. LEBA also acts as an advocacy group under state statute. LEBA and the AAAs/COAs continue to defend the importance of services to the elderly administered by Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. LEBA exists to enhance and protect the effectiveness of the AAAs/COAs. LEBA and its board members continue to have a voice to its LA Senators and Representatives. Our legislators at the 2012 Legislative Session have begun to understand what LEBA and GOEA actually do. LEBA, GOEA, and its AAAs/COAs strive to protect and provide services to its elderly population. Each one of us must stand together as one power to fight against GOEA's move into the Department of Health & Hospitals. After the 2012 Legislative Session, twenty—two Elderly Protective Services employees were moved by Governor Jindal to DHH for a period of one year. Comments of support for LEBA were expressed by Dinah Landry, Cameron CoA Director, and Al Robichaux, Jefferson CoA Director. LEBA's goal is to create a Department of Aging to administer all aging programs for the State of Louisiana's elderly population.

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LEBA was urged by attendees and its members to organize a committee to set up and develop a strategic plan before the 2013 Legislative Session. Al Robichaux, Jefferson COA Executive Director, will ask Gordon Wilde and Andrew Portier to assist LEBA with this effort. Huey Beverly, <u>Motion</u>: To propose a partnership between the LEBA Board and the Councils on Aging to develop a strategic plan for the future of the seniors of the State of Louisiana. 2nd Van LaCour. Motion carried. A date for the strategic plan committee meeting is pending. Chairman Williams will send out a meeting notice.

KAREN RYDER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A meeting is scheduled with the newly appointed Director of OCP, Liz Kearny, former East Baton Rouge parish school official on Wednesday, November 14th. Ms. Woods has accepted employment with the LA Housing Authority. Ms. Woods will assist the Governor during the upcoming 2013 Legislative Session.

GOEA has hand—delivered its FY 2013—14 Budget. It is a standstill budget. Rumors of more extensive budget cuts are anticipated after the first of next year. This will be the 4th year that GOEA employees have not received an annual salary increase. There are 2 openings at present in the Audit Section of the Finance & Accounting Unit and interviews will begin shortly. Low salaries with no anticipated increases are presenting a problem in the hiring of new employees at GOEA.

PAT JONES, PRESIDENT, LANA

LANA held its Fall Conference at the Crowne Plaza on September 18, 19 and 20th. Legislators encouraged LANA to develop a new committee to encourage new membership. A new committee named LASUN was thusly formed, Louisiana Seniors United Now.

NEXT MEETING

LEBA's first meeting for 2013 was not scheduled at this meeting. Chairman Williams was encouraged by its members to invite the new OCP Director, Liz Kearney, or a Representative from the Governor's Office, AARP's Director and a member of the Advocacy Center to attend the next LEBA meeting.

ADJOURN

Huey Beverly: Motion: To Adjourn, 2nd Pat Regan

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 AM

Prepared by Carol S. Frain, GOEA Administrative Assistant

Handouts: (1) LEBA Sign In Sheet, November 13, 2012

(2) LA Executive Board on Aging Agenda for Tuesday, November 13, 2012

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JUNE WILLIAMS
Chair

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs 525 Florida Street, 4th Floor, Room 427 Baton Rouge, LA Tuesday, November 13, 2012 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA

Call to Order

June S. Williams, Chairman

Invocation

Vanue Lacour, PSC 5

Pledge of Allegiance

Willie Lewis, PSC 2

Roll Call / Approval of August 14, 2012

Carol Frain, Adm. Assist.

Chairman's Report

June S. Williams, Chairman

GOEA Executive Director's Report

Karen Ryder, Deputy Assist. Sec. 2

Date For Next Board Meeting

Adjourn



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