

Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
March 17, 2015 at 1:00PM
OJJ Office 7919 Independence Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Minutes

Members Present:

Stacy Mills, Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Toni Buxton, Department of Children and Family Services
Mary Norris, Department of Health and Hospitals
Leslie Hill, Louisiana Department of Education
Winona LeJeune, Grandparent citizen committed to raising grandchildren
Rachel Thomas, Office of Juvenile Justice
Stesha Rampersad, Louisiana Workforce Commission

Others Present:

Hollye LeFebvre, Department of Children and Family Services

Members Not Present:

Representative Regina Barrow, Louisiana House of Representatives
Donna Bowie, Office of Juvenile Justice
Senator Sharon Broome, Louisiana Senate
Judge William Dupont, Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Judy Harrison, LA Children's Trust Fund
David Helveston, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Mary Joseph, Children's Defense Fund
Monte Mollere, Louisiana Bar Association
Anthony Recasner, Agenda for Children
Linda Ruffin, Department of Education
Christie Smith, Children's Cabinet
Carmen Weisner, National Association of Social Workers
John Wyble, LA CASA
Rose Noel, Grandparent Committed to raising grandchildren
Danna Spayde, Grandparent Committed to raising grandchildren

Participants were present in the meeting room at the Office of Juvenile Justice 7919 Independence Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

A quorum was not present, so minutes from August 28, 2013, November 20, 2013 and March 25, 2014 were not able to be approved.

Toni Buxton led discussion on the agenda items, including the legislated purpose of the council. Everyone feels that the council should be moving forward because it can play an important role in the community, but the lack of participation by members is a hindrance to the purpose. Discussion was also held in regards to dissolve the council due to the lack of participation.

Meeting was adjourned.