

**Coordinated System of Care
Statewide Governance Board Meeting
December 3, 2025
Bienville Building, Room 173, 628 N. Fourth St., Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Yolonda Hampton at 1:06 pm.

Roll Call

- Dr. Dana Foster, CSoC Director, introduced Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz, who was appointed as the Louisiana Department of Health designee.
- Board members present: Dana Garrison Cambre, Karen Austin, Levillia Moore, Dr. Marilyn Thornton, Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz, and Yolonda Hampton
- Board members absent: None

Public Comment

Dr. Holly Howat, Interim Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health, introduced herself to the members and thanked them for serving on the board and their work on behalf of children.

Approval of Minutes

Members were presented with the September meeting minutes. Dr. Thornton moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written.

Director's Report

Data for reporting period July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 were presented via PowerPoint slides, which were also emailed to members. Dr. Foster discussed highlights of the report; shared recent news, successes, and community outreach events from the wraparound agencies and the Family Support Organization; and invited questions from board members. The full report may be viewed at www.csoc.la.gov.

Yolonda asked which agencies were selected to serve as wraparound agencies (People United and Volunteers of America). Karen asked about the timeframe for the annual CANS data (annual). Dr. Thornton asked if CSoC tracks youth with special needs (number of CSoC members with OCDD involvement).

Karen moved and Levillia seconded a motion to approve the Director's Report.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

None

Announcements

- Dr. Thornton shared that Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge (FHFGBR) is hosting a toy drive on December 12, 2025 for youth who have special needs and their siblings in Region 2. Interested families can contact the FHFGBR office to sign up.
- Levillia shared that the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is hosting a Teacher Leader Summit in May 2026. Information is posted on the LDOE website.
- Karen shared that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is collecting gift donations for youth ages 14 to 17 who are in residential settings. She shared more details with members following the meeting.
- Yolonda shared that upcoming Statewide Governance Board meetings will be held on the following dates at 1:00 pm in the Bienville Building, Room 173:
 - Wednesday, February 25, 2026
 - Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Adjournment

Dana moved and Dr. Thornton seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.