



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Aging Adult Services

December 10, 2018

Greetings,

The Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Aging and Adult Services is committed to improving its Community Choices Waiver program to provide better care and better health for more than 17,000 individuals awaiting services. You can help! Join us at one of several upcoming meetings to share your thoughts.

The Community Choices Waiver (CCW) is one of the most widely-requested Medicaid services in Louisiana, serving seniors and individuals ages 21 and older with adult-onset disabilities. CCW provides these individuals with a wide array of services including support coordination, nursing and skilled therapy assessments, in-home monitoring services, personal care, home modifications, home-delivered meals, and caregiver respite. Through CCW services, our goal is to provide an alternative to nursing home care, allowing these individuals to maintain their independence while continuing to live in the community.

Currently, the average wait time to receive services for these 17,000-plus individuals is more than eight years. That's something we want to change, and that is where you come in. We would like to hear your thoughts on how we can reduce this wait list and develop strategies to swiftly help people receive the care they need. Simply attend one of the meetings. See attached for meeting dates, times, and locations.

Individuals eligible for CCW services, family caregivers, community supporters and more are welcome. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, email tara.leblanc@la.gov. You can also learn more about CCW at http://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/OAAS/publications/CCW_Fact_Sheet.pdf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara A. LeBlanc".

Tara A. LeBlanc, Assistant Secretary
Office of Aging and Adult Services
Louisiana Department of Health

Attachment: Schedule of Meeting

LDH-Office of Aging and Adult Services Community Meeting Schedule

REGION	Date/Time/Location	Date/Time/Location
Region 1	January 28, 2019, 6:30 pm Rosedale Library 4036 Jefferson Hwy. Jefferson, LA 70121	January 29, 2019, 1:30 pm East Jefferson Main Library Conference Room A and B 4747 West Napoleon Avenue Metairie, LA 70001
Region 2	January 9, 2019, 6:30 pm Bienville Building Room 118 628 N. 4th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802	January 10, 2019, 1:30 pm Bienville Building Room 118 628 N. 4th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Region 3	January 22, 2019, 1:30 pm Terrebonne Parish Library- North Branch 4130 West Park Avenue Gray, LA 70359	January 22, 2019, 6:30 pm Terrebonne Parish Library- North Branch 4130 West Park Avenue Gray, LA 70359
Region 4	January 10, 2019, 6:30 pm Lafayette Public Library-Main Library 2nd Floor Meeting Room 301 West Congress Street Lafayette, LA 70501	January 11, 2019, 1:30 pm Clifton Chenier Center - Town Hall Auditorium 220 W. Willow Street Lafayette, LA 70501
Region 5	January 3, 2019, 6:30 pm Capital One Building 12th Floor Conference Room 1 Lakeshore Drive Lake Charles, LA 70629	January 4, 2019, 1:30 pm Capital One Building 12th Floor Conference Room 1 Lakeshore Drive Lake Charles, LA 70629
Region 6	January 17, 2019, 6:30pm LSUA Student Union Ballroom 195 Middleton Drive Alexandria, LA 71302	January 18, 2019, 1:30 pm LSUA Student Union Ballroom 195 Middleton Drive Alexandria, LA 71302
Region 7	February 4, 2019, 6:30 pm Willis Knighton Innovation Center 2105 Airline Drive Bossier City, LA 71111	February 5, 2019, 1:30 pm Willis Knighton Bossier Health Center Auditorium 2400 Hospital Drive Bossier City, LA 71111
Region 8	January 7, 2019, 6:30 pm Northeast LA Technical College Delta Ouachita Campus, Cafeteria 609 Vocational Parkway West Monroe, LA 71292	January 8, 2019, 1:30 pm Northeast LA Technical College Delta Ouachita Campus, Cafeteria 609 Vocational Parkway West Monroe, LA 71292
Region 9	January 30, 2019, 6:30 pm St. Tammany Parish Library Causeway Branch 3457 Hwy. 190 Mandeville LA 70448	January 31, 2019, 1:30 pm St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers 21490 Koop Drive Mandeville, LA 70471