

## **Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD)**

### **State Advisory Committee (SAC)**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 9, 2025

Start Time: 12:31 PM

End Time: 2:17 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Al Thibodeaux, seconded by Sandra Trammell

#### **Roll Call**

- Region 1
  - MHSA – Open Position
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- Region 2
  - CASHD – Sandra Trammell – Present
  - CAHSD – Al Thibodeaux (Chair) – Present
- Region 3
  - SCLHSA – Open Position
  - SCLHSA – Myron Wright – Not Present
- Region 4
  - AAHSD – Alaina Cacharie – Present
  - AAHSD – Carmen Centar – Present
- Region 5
  - IMCAL – Mylinda Elliott – Present
  - IMCAL – Libby Leone – Not Present
- Region 6
  - CLHSD – Anthony Stafford – Present
  - CLHSD – Kristen Reed (Vice Chair) – Present
- Region 7

- NLHSD – Monica Stampley (Secretary) – Present
- NLHSD – Marilyn Goodwin – Present
- Region 8
  - NEDHSA – Lavandolyn Smith – Not Present
  - NEDHSA – Shontae Johnson – Not Present
- Region 9
  - FPHSA – Suzanne Bourgeois – Present
  - FPHSA – Open Position
- Region 10
  - JPHSA – Jen Walle – Present
  - JPHSA – Christina Martin – Present
- AFSCME Council #17 Representative
  - No Show
- Ad Hoc Members
  - Julie Foster Hagan – Present
  - Jacquelyne Cobb – Present
  - Christy Johnson – Present
  - Bernard Brown – Not Present
  - Erin Downing – Present
  - Tanya Murphy – Present
  - Caroline Nailor-Oglesby – Present

### **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Al Thibodeaux proposed two additions to the agenda:

1. RACs
2. Handouts/Fact Sheets

### **Approval of January 2025 Minutes**

No amendments were made.

Motion to approve: Suzanne Bourgeois

Seconded by: Sandra Trammell

Motion passed. Minutes approved.

### **Public Comment – Session I**

No public comments were submitted.

## Review of SAC Roster, Terms, and Contacts

No updates reported.

## OCDD Report – Julie Foster Hagan, Assistant Secretary

Budget & Legislative Update:

- LDH presentation available via legis.la.gov archives.
- No state budget cuts or increases.
- Federal changes unknown; COVID-related grants reduced.
- No direct bills filed by OCDD; some external bills mentioned (e.g., caregiver registry, ATEFRA).

American Rescue Plan Act Funds:

- Value-Based Payments approved.
- Waiver teams will implement; webinars and training planned.
- Extension requested through December 2025.

Rate Methodology Study:

- Report expected August 2025.
- Evaluating provider business costs and support coordination practices.

TEFRA / Act 421 Update:

- Proposed new eligibility criteria include multiple ER visits/month.
- Current enrollment: 2,412 (capacity: 3,000).
- Delays related to Medicaid's M-EDT process; improvement efforts ongoing.

SUN Screens:

- Jan–Mar: 837 completed (632 initial, 205 re-screens).
- About 40% received a score eligible for waiver offer.

Other Topics Covered:

- DSW Bonuses: One-time payments mentioned.
- ICF Rates: Complex rate structure; SSI contributions explained.
- Incontinence Supplies: Improvements and higher billing rates starting July 1.
- Family as Paid Caregivers: 1,349 parents reported; includes siblings in the home.
- Provider Cost Reports: 214 providers have not submitted; penalties underway.

## Old Business

Zoom Accessibility Update:

- Erin Downing reported that OCDD is pursuing a new Zoom account with closed captioning features.

## **Outreach Committee Report**

Christina Martin (Region 10) shared feedback on waiver process complexity.

Sandra Trammell proposed RAC funds for promotional materials.

Julie Foster Hagan requested a detailed budget list before July 1.

Outreach meeting will be held to finalize materials and costs.

Sandra and Christina volunteered to join Outreach Committee.

Sandra suggested year-end highlights and community outreach speaker features.

## **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Reports**

Region 1: No report.

Region 2: Speaker from Epilepsy Alliance; 29 indicators met; office relocating.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: New chair elected (Kristie Curtis).

Region 5: No report.

Region 6: Met in February and April; legislative site visit; discussed funding gaps during waiver/Medicaid wait times.

Region 7: Met February 4; transitioned to quarterly meetings; 176 Flexible Family Fund cases filled.

Region 8: No report.

Region 9: Met February 11 (no quorum); 554 entries eligible; 142 IFS requests; 2,194 waiver participants; presentations by Families Helping Families, LaCAN, and People First.

Region 10: Met March 25; 24 Early Steps screenings (2 completed); 90% IFS funds allocated; 100% CIR compliance; presenters included Families Helping Families, LaCAN, Jefferson Parish Schools (LA GATOR); next meeting April 29.

## **New Business**

Discussion on increasing self-advocate participation in RACs and SACs.

Request to allow more than three representatives per region to support inclusion.

## **Public Comment – Session II**

Al Thibodeaux raised a question about a caregiver in Region 2 who wants to serve in Region 1.

Julie Foster Hagan will consult legal.

Kathy Dwyer noted bylaws typically require residency or employment in the region.

## **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

## **Public Guests**

Kristie Curtis, Andrea Albert, Kasey Hill, Rona Burkett, Susan Riehn, Theresa Dendinger, Eli M., Kristen Fontenot, Chris Jutze, Kristine Dauzat, Michelle Wall, Susan Roblow, Janise Monetta, Kathy Dwyer