

## OCDD STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TEAM MEETING

Held ONLINE

On July 8, 2020 from 12:30 pm – 3 pm

**Call to order** 12:45 pm by Sharon Delvisco, Secretary

### **Attendance:**

SAC Voting Members Present:

MHSD – Penny Curran, Holly Bell

CAHSD –

SCLHSA – April Young, Tiffany Brunet

AAHSD – Deborah Fontenot

IMCAL – Theresa VanAsselburg

CLHSD – Kristen Reed

NLHSD – Karissa Jackson

NEDHSA – Konstance Causey, Nicole Bilberry

FPHSA – Suzanne Bougeious, Sharon Delvisco

JPHSA – Kathy Dwyer, Mary Kay Cowen

AFSME –

SAC Advisory Members: Julie Foster Hagan, Tanya Murphy, Stephen Kauffman

Public: Susan Riehn, Comeaka King, Donna Soileau, Rona Burkett, Brenda Cosse', Kensie Lasseigne, Courtney Ricker, Charlie Michel, Dana Garrison, Sheri Houin, Kathy Dillon, Margaret Cruz, Jamie Dawson, Janise Monetta, Stuart Sayes, Valarie Jarreau, Kay Lewis, Robert Blue, Crystal White, Kristen Essaied, Lisa Smith, Mylinda Elliott, Lace Polotzola, Doanie Perry

**Quorum:** There is a quorum of members present.

**Approval of Agenda/Changes to Agenda** – Secretary, Sharon Delvisco

Kathy Dwyer motions to accept the agenda with a second by April Young. Motion passes without opposition.

**Approval of Minutes from March 11 Meeting/Corrections to Minutes** – Secretary, Sharon Delvisco

There was a motion from Mary Kay Cowen to approve the minutes from March 11 minutes with a second by Karisa Jackson and the motion passes without opposition.

### **Old Business**

A. SAC Membership Update – tabled

Submitted by Sharon Delvisco, Secretary OCDD SAC Team

### **OCDD Report** – Julie Foster Hagan

Budget update - we had special session that went to end of June. At the last minute the legislators reduced the OCDD budget and at this point in time working at everything included in HB 1. Understanding is that there is no impact on DD Services, because we just received finalized budget last week, we are working to identify where the additional reductions will come from. There will probably be another session in fall and it will be open session and revisit the budget, they will bring back some of the bills we could not hear due to COVID. I will share more at next meeting. Oct to Dec depending on revenue estimates, we will have to make changes.

Legislative update - The Supported Decision-making legislation passed this session. Many supporters of this legislation. Some family have concerns but there are not a lot of options for people with I/DD in Louisiana. Competent major is a legal status for folks that are, there is continuing tutorship and interdiction. This is an option for people who are making some decisions about their life but need help with some decisions, i.e., financial and medical decisions. What this does is provide an additional option without going through court system, just fill out form and get it notarized so families can help with decision making but without interdiction. The Arc of Louisiana is putting together some training.

Questions:

Kathy Dwyer – do cuts impact human services districts?

Julie – not sure we are seeking clarification, direct the question to your local LGE. There might be some and they are looking internally to determine how it will be implemented and what the impact will be.

Kathy there may be impact on Family Flexible Funds, is there anything to cover the impact of COVID on the LGEs and the local budgets. Is there anything that could help with this? There is a larger need with impact of COVID.

April Young: have you received any news about family members being able to be paid caregivers being extended

COVID Update - Julie: can make an exception due to emergency declaration. 1135 make exception to state plan services – different than Medicaid waiver services, OCDD involved in exception to 1915 C Waivers, for the appendix K to give exception approved from Jan 2020 to Jan 2021 (?) once the appendix date expires then the exception ends but we are still under federal declaration and until federal declaration ends then the exception will be in place. When fed declaration ends the Appendix K will end at the end of the quarter when the date is announced for end of fed declaration. CMS has a lot of requirements and families are having to think about when caregivers are going to come back in to the home. For CMS we will not be able to continue to

have paid family members. We have to avoid the conflict of interest in waiver program services, however there is a companion care option and look at if this would meet the person's needs. Day programs have started back for people not in high risk group, they were employed and were using supported employment or in groups of 3 or smaller. Day programs have not been approved to open by public health officials. Some providers have been providing some virtual services for folks that are struggling with being at home. This one is difficult because if the person needs support at home and wants to do the virtual meeting for day program services. Then we will have to make decisions about people with underlying health concerns when the waves of COVID are over.

Charles Michel – hope that dept of ed and OCDD collaborate about opening with a decision that will be valid.

Julie working with Dr. Guidry from Office of Public Health, Sec Phillips and Dr. Brumley are working together to collaborate to understand public health side of things and impact on opening. Some decisions will be left up to the local LEAs and some are from the Dept of Ed.

Kathy Dwyer – so many individual circumstances that have to be worked out with masks etc. Can OCDD coordinate about issues for children with disabilities and their families with getting kids with underlying health concerns safely back to school?

Julie – there are issues with folks that can't tolerate masks, do not understand social distancing. Have to discuss

Charles Michel – Every child will have to have individualized education plan, services may be provided at home and schools need to be very creative and solutions need to be creative, Contact IEP supervisor about your child.

Julie Foster Hagan – early steps we have begun since early April have stopped all in home provider visits to early steps and teletherapy was not an option. We added teletherapy as an option for early steps and we have overcome the challenges and now providers have been billing for teletherapy services. There is some concern about children regressing. We are working with Office of Public Health about this, there is a risk of spreading COVID during in home visits.

Kathy Dwyer – Any update on the data being collected statewide for LGEs about how many are transitioning from EarlySteps to DD services?

Julie will check for the update. There is the ability for early steps to be extended in case of compensatory visits due to regression.

Mary Kay Cowen – Dental Task Force meetings, Oral Health Coalition working on things too. Do we have the meeting Friday?

Julie – Jackie can set up the meeting for you.

## Reports from Regional Advisory Committee Teams

MHSD: no report

CAHSD: no report

SCHSA: April Young - We had meeting on June 2. We were working from home. Discussed emergency preparedness and next mtg is Aug 10. Seeking new members contact Wesley Cagle at [Wesley.cagle@la.gov](mailto:Wesley.cagle@la.gov)

AAHSD: No report.

IMCAL: Theresa VanAsselburg, last meeting on June 12 next one for Sept 2, part of discussion is about continuing meetings using zoom. We had a quorum. We have some interested folks to apply to be on the committee. Lots of people remotely working from HSA.

CLHSD – Kristen Reed we set up zoom call and only 1 person attended on call. We had discussion about but not quorum, seeking nominations for members. Next meeting Sept 23.

NLHSD – Karissa Jackson, no quorum on June 16, there was report about two fiscal agents, next meeting is Sept 15

Monitored in home caregiving – anyone know anything. It is for NOW and ROW. A person can live in home with family or with spouse and they can receive a daily stipend for providing care, two levels of services. Contact Support Coordinator for more info.

NEDHSA – Konstance Causey meeting cancelled in April Nest meeting is July 24.

FPHSA – Suzanne provided report June 9 via zoom, did have a quorum. Richard Kramer, ED of FPHSA provided a report.

JPHSA – Jan 28<sup>th</sup> last meeting, meeting in April was cancelled, next meeting is July 28 at 2 pm using zoom. There will be some member changes due to term limits.

### New Business

A. Nomination and election of Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair

**ACTION STEP:** Sharon will send out info for nominations by mail.

B. OCDD website – SAC page needs to be updated and who is monitoring the email [lastateadvisorycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:lastateadvisorycommittee@gmail.com)

**ACTION STEP:** Members will review the OCDD SAC Page and send Sharon suggestions for improvements by July 15<sup>th</sup> at [sharondelvisco@yahoo.com](mailto:sharondelvisco@yahoo.com)

## Announcements

Submitted by Sharon Delvisco, Secretary OCDD SAC Team

Upcoming meetings for Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council July 14, July 15 full council on July 16 for more info or to register go to [www.laddc.org](http://www.laddc.org) these will online meetings

FHF of GNO is hosting a zoom meeting with Dr. Cade Brumley for parents only July 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning call to register or for more information call 504 888 9111.

**Next OCDD SAC Meeting:** Sept 9 at 12:30 pm will be held online.

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Sep 9, 2020 12:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtdO-rrjgjHtEdUUz-UaRChqyxVuvfj93d>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.