



## Lafayette City-Parish President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

Monday, November 19, 2012

Meeting Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Deborah Aymond, Kenneth Carmouche, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Donielle Watkins  
**Guests in Attendance:** Randy Broussard, Rose Shuff, Zelig Guidry  
**Staff in Attendance:** Carlee Alm-LaBar, Lou Anna Angelle

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### 1. Donielle Watkins called the meeting to order.

### 2. Comments from the Public

- Donielle Watkins introduced Ray Green.
- Ray Green has contacted 19 organizations across the state, and he is very concerned about the needs of oxygen-dependent patients in the event of a community-wide emergency or a power outage. He has a wife and daughter on oxygen and has not been able to receive answers that he finds beneficial.
- The following solutions and/or mitigating ideas were discussed and shared with Mr. Green.
  - He suggested the LUS Hurricane Handbook add language about where special needs patients are supposed to go for information. Carlee will contact LUS.
  - It was also suggested that the Hurricane Handbook make clear that at high sustained winds, emergency vehicles do not operate for safety reasons.
  - Someone in attendance reminded Mr. Green that DHH (Department of Health and Hospitals) and DCFS (Department of Child and Family Services) are responsible for special needs shelters. Carlee will also forward these minutes to Dr. Tina Stefanski.
  - Members of the committee also suggested that Mr. Green invest in a plug adaptor for cars that allows you to plug devices into your car.
  - Finally, all members of the committee suggested that the hospitals are always available as a last resort in an emergency situation.

### 3. Minutes

- The October minutes were reviewed and accepted. Lynette Fontenot made the motion and Zelig Guidry seconded, all in favor.

### 4. Correspondence

- No correspondence to report.

## **5. Old Business/New Business**

- Job Fair- Randy Broussard provided the committee with the final statistics. There were 55 businesses in attendance, 288 job seekers, 44 of which were scheduled for interviews, and 29 were hired. The Job Fair was a great success. Randy informed the committee that a wrap-up meeting regarding the job fair would be held on November 28, 2012.
  - Awards Ceremony- The 2012 Awards Ceremony was a great success. The committee was informed two of our nominees were chosen for the Governor's Gold Awards, which will be held on December 5, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Old State Capitol. The winners are Dr. DeAnn Kalich – Educator of the Year and Al Daspit – Volunteer of the Year. Carlee Alm-LaBar will handle the press release.
6. The committee requested that Mike Mouton, Lafayette Consolidated Government's Emergency Operations & Security Coordinator attend the next meeting.
  7. Donielle informed the committee that the Lafayette Therapeutic Recreation Department Christmas Party will be held at the Comeaux Recreation Center on December 1, 2012.
  8. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disability is scheduled for Monday December 10, at 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.