



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

Monday, August 8, 2011

Meeting Minutes

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

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1. Randy Broussard called the meeting to order.
2. The committee approved the July minutes.
3. Correspondence:
  - Lynn Francisco emailed a flyer to the committee regarding the upcoming Job Fair Preparation Workshop that will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm, at the Goodwill Industries Job Connection office, located at 1225 Kaliste Saloom Road.
  - Deborah Aymond emailed a copy of the Presidential Proclamation regarding the anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act.
4. Randy Broussard provided the committee with the latest on the upcoming Disability Job Fair that will be held on October 20, 2011 at the Heymann Performing Arts Center. He indicated that the preparations for the fair are moving along nicely. The flyers for the event should be ready soon for distribution.

The next planning meeting for the Job Fair will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at the LRS office located in the Brandywine Building.

5. Zelig Guidry informed the committee that she updated the previous transportation survey and should have it ready for distribution at the Disability Job Fair. The committee discussed the email that was received from Tony Tramel regarding the paratransit cost breakdown for potential transit service to areas outside of the city limits.
6. Deborah Aymond handled the nominations forms for the 2011 Awards, and they are ready for distribution and she asked that the committee distribute in the community. There was a brief discussion about having outside reviewers this year to rate and rank the applications.

Donielle Watkins indicated that she would contact Cane's to donate lunch again this year.

Carlee Alm-Lar will contact the Recreation and Parks Department regarding the availability of the Robicheaux Center the last week of October, and handle the press release for the event.

Carlee suggested that next year the nomination form be condensed to possibly one page.

7. The guest speaker Maria Placer, Executive Director of 232-HELP, addressed the committee about her agency. She provided the following information:
  - 232-HELP was started in 1965 as an information and referral agency that also operated numerous social services programs such as:
    - Milk Fund
    - Donated Dental Services (DDS)
    - Project Rx
    - Transportation
    - Eye Care for the Elderly & Handicapped
    - Low-Cost Blood Level Testing
    - Medical Appliance Loan Program
    - Helpline
  - 232-HELP services the following parishes: Lafayette, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Landry, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Acadia, Evangeline, and Avoyelles.
  - Maria indicated that volunteers are needed during crisis.
  - The resource directory that is currently being handled by the United Way Agency will be handled by 232-HELP.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.
9. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, September 12, 2011 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.