



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

Monday, September 10, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Randy Broussard, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Rose Shuff, Donielle Watkins
Guests in Attendance: Deborah Aymond, Mauricia Ledet-Walters, Michelle Dewey
Staff in Attendance: Lou Anna Angelle

1. Donielle Watkins called the meeting to order.

Mauricia Ledet-Walters, with Families Helping Families, provided the committee with information regarding the following programs which fall under their umbrella:

- Office for Citizens with Developmental Disability
- Family to Family Health Information Center (F2FHIC)
- Community Outreach Specialist – they no longer have this contract
- Early Childhood Supports & Services Facilitator
- Parent to Parent – they no longer have this contract
- Children's Special Health Services
- Education & Transition Facilitators
- Sibshop – they no longer have this contract

Mauricia also informed the committee about their advocacy groups, LaCAN – Louisiana Citizens for Action Now and LaTeach – Louisiana Together Education all Children.

Families Helping Families has the following resources available to the citizens in the following parishes: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion:

- Lending Library – large inventory of books and video/DVDs on various disability topics
- Parent Stipends – to help individuals attend conferences or training related to disability.
- Workshops, conferences and presentations on several topics for parents and professionals
- Computer/internet access
- Quarterly agency newsletter

Two upcoming events sponsored by Families Helping Families:

- Back2School Bash, September 15, 2012 @ Heymann Park Recreation Center, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Treats at the Village – October 30, 2012 @ Acadian Village, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

- The August minutes were reviewed and accepted. Randy Broussard made the motion and Mark Guillory seconded, all in favor.

3. Correspondence

- Lou Anna Angelle reported the following:
 - She received a phone call from Harold Arceneaux informing her that a representative from LATAN would be interested in addressing the committee in the future. The committee approved contacting the representative for the October meeting.
 - She received notification from the Lafayette City-Parish Council that Zelig Guidry's term will be ending on November 15. The Council's Office will be advertising for this position.
 - She provided the committee with a copy of the press release regarding the upcoming Disability Awards Program.

4. Old Business

- Accessibility to Lafayette Consolidated Government Buildings – no report
- Job Fair- Randy Broussard provided the committee with an update on the upcoming Job Fair to be held on October 25, 2012, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Heymann Performing Arts & Convention Center (HPACC)
- Awards Ceremony- The 2012 Awards Ceremony will be held on October 30th, at the Robicheaux Center. One nomination form has been received. Randy Broussard provided the committee with an update.
- Debra Aymond mentioned that a meeting with the Library representative to address the library services for the disabled issue should take place when Carlee is available to attend. She will coordinate with Carlee.
- Donielle Watkins provided the committee with the results of the Compete4aCause Fundraiser that was held on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at the Acadian Oaks Retreat Center. It was a great success.

5. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for Monday October 8, 2012, at 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.