



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

Monday, October 14, 2013

Meeting Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Deborah Aymond, Lynette Fontenot, Mark Guillory, Chad Romero  
**Guests in Attendance:** Dora Chandler, Zelie Guidry, Germaine Simpson, Rose Shuff  
**Staff in Attendance:** Carlee Alm-LaBar, Lou Anna Angelle

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### 1. Deborah Aymond called the meeting to order.

### 2. Deborah introduced the guest speaker, Germaine Simpson, Southwest Louisiana Independence Center (SLIC)

Germaine Simpson provided the committee with the following information regarding Southwest Louisiana Independence Center (SLIC):

- SLIC is a provider of NOW Waiver, Community Choice Wavier, LT-PCS - Long-term Personal Care Services, EPSDT – Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic Treatment Personal Care Service, Children’s Choice and Supervised Independent Living Services.
- Provides job placement assistance
- SLIC has offices in Lake Charles, Lafayette & Leesville and serves 20 Parishes.
- Region IV – Lafayette, St. Landry, Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, St. Martin, Vermilion
- Region V – Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis
- Region VI – Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn
- Independent Living Services include:
  - Information and Referrals
  - Independent Living Skills Training including nutrition, cooking, transportation access training and Health Care & Financial Management
  - Peer Counseling
  - Advocacy
- Loan equipment at no cost

### 3. Minutes

- A motion was made by Lynette Fontenot, seconded by Mark Guillory and unanimously approved.

### 4. Correspondence

- Phone call from Ray Green inquiring about the phone number for the National Disability Council.

## **5. Old Business**

- Deborah Aymond provided the committee with results from the Disability Job Fair held on October 2, 2013 at the Heymann Center. She indicated the following:
  - This year's event was the best one to date.
  - 55 employers
  - 340 job seekers
  - 20 Resources
  - LEDA tabulated the results - 39 job seekers were employed at the fair and 209 will be called for further interviews

## **6. New Business**

- The Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on October 17, 2013, at noon at the Robicheaux Center.
- The State Gold Awards Ceremony will be held on November 6, 2013. Deborah Aymond will contact the state regarding this year's winners.
- Two committee members have been selected to fill the upcoming vacancies, Nell Hahn and Karen Juneau.
- The committee discussed next month's meeting, and it was decided that ARC of Acadiana would be asked to attend the meeting. Deborah Aymond will call the agency.

## **7. Comments from the Public**

- There were no comments from the public.

## **8. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for November 12, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.