



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

Monday, November 8, 2010

Meeting Minutes

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**Board Members Present:** Deborah Aymond; Laura Breaux; Jim Richard; Peggy Stelly  
**Guests in Attendance:** Sidney Begnaud; Karen Gardiner; Debbi Gonzales; Mark Guillory;  
Donielle Watkins  
**LCG Staff Present:** Lou Anna Angelle; Carlee Alm-LaBar; Denise Ferguson

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1. Jim Richard called the meeting to order.
2. Jim welcomed the guest: Sidney Begnaud, Debbi Gonzales and Karen Gardiner.
3. The committee approved the October minutes.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

- Emails from Deborah Aymond regarding Rosa's Law. She informed the committee that [President Barack Obama has signed](#) into law [Rosa's Law](#), which will change references in federal law from *mental retardation* to *intellectual disability*, and references to *a mentally retarded individual* to *an individual with an intellectual disability*.

#### 5. 2010 Disability Job Fair

Deborah Aymond provided the committee with the statistics from the Disability Job Fair that was held on October 21, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Heymann Center. She provided the committee with the following information:

- 44 business participated
- 39 business surveys
- 510 job seekers
- 214 job seeker surveys
- 13 interviews
- 2 hires
- 262 referrals

#### 6. 2010 Disability Committee Awards Presentation

Donielle Watkins provided the committee with a summary of the Disability Awards Luncheon that was held on October 28, 2010, @ noon, at the Robichaux Center. The event was a big success. The winners are as follows:

- Distinguished Merit Award - Lafayette Little League
- Media Award - Face Magazine
- Outstanding Individual with a Disability Award - Lacy Broussard
- Volunteer of the year - Donna Andrus

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- Family of the Year Award - The Crownover Family
- Outstanding Direct Support Professional - Paul Broussard
- Educator of the Year Award - Amy Bourque

The guest speaker was Lynette Fontenot and everyone loved her presentation.

7. Lou Anna Angelle informed the committee that the City-Parish Council reappointed Donna Andrus and selected Zelig Guidry for a two year term replacing Marcelle Pradier to serve on the Disability Awareness Committee. Carlee Alm-LaBar is sending out letters to the other agencies to fill the other appointments that will expire on November 15, 2010.
8. Karen Gardiner, Debbie Gonzales, and Sid Begnaud made a presentation regarding their agency, Alternative Home Care Specialists. They will be opening a new Adult Day Program, 1531 Ambassador Caffery Parkway, and the open house will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sid Begnaud informed the committee about I.M.P.A.C. (Involvement Makes Productive Active Citizens) is the name of the new day program, and it will offer one-of-a-kind opportunities for consumers to experience a variety of activities in a relaxed and fun environment.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
10. The next meeting of the President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for **Monday, December 13, 2010, 11:30-12:30** in the **Council Briefing Room** on the first floor of Lafayette City Hall.