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#### **LAB Employees Appointed to Statewide Council Positions**

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Louisiana Association for the Blind's (LAB) advocacy and outreach efforts on behalf of Louisiana residents with vision loss continue to expand. Ms. Sharon Geddes, LAB's Braille Instructor, was recently appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve as a member of the Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The SILC was established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to support the efforts of citizens with disabilities to live independently in the community of their choice.

LAB's Public Policy Director, Ms. Libby Murphy, was elected Chair of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council (LRC) for FY2014-15. Ms. Murphy was appointed to the LRC by Governor Bobby Jindal in 2013. Established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the LRC listens to the concerns of those with disability issues, reviews, analyzes and evaluates the state rehabilitation program, and collaborates with other state agencies, organizations and consumer groups.

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