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Governor Bobby Jindal Announces Appointments to the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

BATON ROUGE - Today, Governor Bobby Jindal announced appointments to the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council.

The Louisiana Rehabilitation Council serves to review, analyze, and evaluate the state rehabilitation program.

According to executive order BJ 08-71, the council is comprised of 25 gubernatorial appointments, including the director of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services and one vocational rehabilitation counselor, serving as non-voting members. The remaining 23 voting members include the following:

- One representative from a parent training and information center established pursuant to §682(a) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- The chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council or their designee;
- One representative of the Client Assistance Program;
- One representative from the service providers for the community rehabilitation program;
- Four representatives of business, industry, and labor;
- Twelve members representing a cross section of the following categories:
 - Individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities;
 - Representatives of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty representing themselves; and
 - Current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services.
- One representative of the State Workforce Investment Board;
- One representative of the state educational agency responsible for the public education of students with disabilities who are eligible to receive services under 29 U.S.C.A. §720 and part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and
- One representative of the directors of a project carried out under §121 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998.

Appointments to the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council:

Sue Killam, of New Orleans, is the Employment Initiatives Coordinator at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Human Development Center. Killam will be appointed to serve as a representative of individuals with disabilities who have difficulty representing themselves, as required by executive order.

Nanetta Magness, of Shreveport, is the Director of the Low Vision Rehabilitation Center for the Louisiana Association for the Blind. Magness will be appointed to serve as a recipient of vocational rehabilitation services, as required by executive order.

Nicole Walker, of Baton Rouge, is the Assistant Executive Director of UPLIFTD, a non-profit vocational rehabilitation organization. Walker will be appointed to serve as a representative of service providers for the community rehabilitation program, as required by executive order.

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