



## East Baton Rouge Parish Overall Advisory Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday Dec. 6, 2006  
 Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Location: Family Road of Greater  
 Baton Rouge  
 Meeting Called to Order: Sharman Charles  
 Facilitators: Sharman Charles and  
 Dr. Debra Davis  
 Minutes Recorded/Prepared: Sharman Charles

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Members in attendance are as follow:

Fatemeh Malekian	Pam Malveaux	Lewis Hicks
Hampton Grunewald	Herman Brister	Claire Fontenot
Robert Wallace	Sally Soileau	Karen Stevens
Terrence Marshall	Gisele Haralson	

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**Research and Extension Programs**  
 Agriculture  
 Economic/Community Development  
 Environment/Natural Resources  
 Family/Nutrition/Health  
 4-H Youth Programs

Sharman Charles opened the meeting, welcomed council members and began introductions. Advisory members introduced themselves and the agencies which they represent.

Sharman Charles informed members of the purpose of the meeting and the roles and structure of the advisory council. Members of the council were informed that their role would be to guide the overall parish programming efforts.

Mrs. Charles presented a power point presentation on insure the understanding of the Extension Service to all members. She reviewed the missions of both the LSU AgCenter and the Southern University AgCenter, how both AgCenters are organized, funded, and educational programming responsibilities of the faculty and staff in East Baton Rouge. The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Debra Davis to facilitate the segment on programming recommendations.

Dr. Davis informed council members that the overall advisory process is one that is being done on a statewide level. She discussed the fact that parishes are having to renew cooperative agreements with local governments and obtain 10% local support for salaries and benefits. Next, Dr. Davis led the discussion with council members to develop recommendations for parish staff. The recommendations were as follow (ranked in order of number of votes):

1. Wellness education – schools and community centers (healthy choices, STD's, prenatal, exercise, etc.)
2. Financial resource management (all economic groups)

3. Early childhood development programs – Ready Program, Michigan and character education
4. Programs to help build stronger family units
5. Programs on emergency disaster response – financial aspects and targeting underserved populations
6. Programs to assist landowners (esp. small farmers) in identifying best use available of land
7. Civics (voting) literacy for youth and adults
8. Bridging formal and informal education (workforce development)
9. Marketing of programs
10. Programs addressing teen pregnancy prevention and for young mothers
11. Awareness of non-credited educational programs
12. Incorporating messages about tobacco use in youth materials & programming
13. General nutrition education for low income families

Sharman received signed copies of advisory roles and responsibilities from those who had not mailed it in. The council members stated that they would prefer to meet at least twice a year because of the desire to insure that programming recommendations are being implemented. Sharman will email dates for a June the next council meeting. Members were thanked for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.