

ADVISORY GROUP ON Elimination of Duplicative and Non-Essential Services PROPOSAL #: AGDNES #23
 SUBJECT: DSS/LRS Transfers to LWC and DHH DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP: 11/02/09; confirmed on 11/09/09
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RECOMMENDATION: Transfer appropriate rehabilitation service functions in the Department of Social Services to the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
Develop implementation plan and propose legislation to transfer appropriate rehabilitation service functions in DSS/LRS to DHH and LWC.	DSS/LRS, DHH, LWC and Legislature	Rehabilitation Services assists persons with disabilities to obtain or maintain employment and/or achieve their desire to obtain or maintain employment and/or achieve independence in their communities.	Legislation	The program designed to promote workforce development will be transferred to LWC and those that provide additional supportive services to individuals with disabilities are transferred to DHH. This will provide greater alignment with core competencies. \$175k SGF \$3.5 million total savings	Many of these program have related boards and commissions requiring DSS participation and would have to be changed to reflect the appropriate agency. Transfer of staff and layoffs will ensue, resulting in potential disruption of services.