

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 20, 2011
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the Chartres Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center. Dr. Pam Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

In addition to Dr. Jenkins, Board members in attendance were: Robin Pannagl, Gwendolyn H. Richardson, Polly Campbell, Clare Jupiter.

Board members absent were: Dr. Donald T. Erwin and Dr. Cheryll Bowers-Stephens

Staff members present were: Judge Calvin Johnson, Dr. Craig Coenson, Dr. Charlotte Cunliffe, Tony Laurent, Candace Morgan, Meghan Ferris and Sally Hays. Joseph Constans attended as a guest.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Jupiter moved approval of the March 25, 2011 minutes (Attached). Robin Pannagl seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report: Dr. Jenkins introduced herself and provided some information on her background. She then requested that the Board members and staff who were present do the same. Dr. Jenkins described the groundbreaking of the new Behavioral Health Center located in Algiers and thanked Board and staff members who attended.

Executive Director's Report: Judge Johnson discussed MHSD's plan to establish a system of electronic medical records. He also provided an update regarding a visit to Baton Rouge and the House bill that if enacted, would cut funding for MHSD. The Board discussed the potential impact of a funding reduction and its possible effect on MHSD services.

Consideration of Contracts Requiring Board Approval: Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve a contract not to exceed \$1,220,665 million with Resources for Human Development, Inc. to continue to provide Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services. Ms. Jupiter seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Campbell moved approval of a contract not to exceed \$1,259,834 million with Resources for Human Development, Inc. to continue to provide Mobile Crisis Services including respite beds. Ms. Jupiter seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Ms. Jupiter moved approval of contract in the amount of \$1,252,680 with Unity of Greater New Orleans for Shelter Plus Care/Permanent Supportive Housing. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2011 at the Chartres-Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center.

Invitation for Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Attachments are available via written request