



**Metropolitan Human Services District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 25, 2022 | 12:30 PM
3100 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70114**

MHSD fulfills its statutory role as the planning body for the behavioral health, addiction, and intellectual/developmental disability services for the residents of Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes by ensuring that eligible residents in these parishes have access to person centered and recovery focused supports designed to optimize their role in the community.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting was called to order 12:32 PM by Chair Gary Mendoza and it was determined that a quorum was present.

- II. Attendance
 - A. A quorum was present consisting of Gary Mendoza, Michael Pechon, Dr. Cathy Lazarus, Mike Miller, Dr. Sarintha Stricklin, B. Gerard Woodrich and Dr. Brian L. Turner, Dr. Marcus A. Bachhuber, Leslie Prest and Stanley Simeon.
 - B. Absent from the meeting were Charlotte Parent, Dr. Ariel Lloyd, and Tenisha T. Stevens.

 - C. Other individuals in attendance were MHSD staff: Rochelle Head-Dunham, MD, DFAPA, FASAM, MHSD Executive Director/Medical Director; Traci Brown, MHSD CFO; Steven Farber, MHSD Deputy Director & General Counsel, Dr. Lakisha Mamon, MHSD Child and Youth Director, Karen Canales, Executive Staff Officer to MHSD Executive Director/Medical Director. Other attendees to the meeting were Lonnie Granier and Julie Olsen

- III. Approval of the Minutes on January 27, 2021
 - A. Minutes were reviewed and approved by motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Prest, all voted in favor.

- IV. Monitoring Reports
 - A. Monthly Dashboard

Dr. Dunham reviewed the January Dashboard, the monthly service counts by Fiscal year and provided narrative to the board comparing FY21 and the current FY22 services. The Telehealth report from January was reviewed and Dr. Dunham noted the audio modality decreasing to 7.5% from 15% in the month of November. Mr. Pechon asked for clarification between billable and all services presented in the utilization report and Dr. Dunham noted the non-billable services from the telehealth report that Medicaid will not reimburse MHSD for.

B. Fiscal Report

Chairman Mendoza, Mr. Pechon, Dr. Dunham, and Ms. Brown met at 12 noon today to review the fiscal reports. There's a revision to the budget due to additional funding received. Dr. Lazarus inquired about the types of services that will be funded with the additional funds. Ms. Brown detailed the services and enhancements at MHSD due to the funding such as COVID testing in the facilities and temperature checks, enhancements to our electronic health record (EHR), prevention data and analysis, generation Rx, ROSC recovery support training, PPE purchasing and increasing our Wi-Fi connectivity at the facilities. Ms. Brown also noted that there are currently no contracts over 300k that need to be presented to the board, but all contracts will be reviewed to make sure if any funding will take a smaller contract over the threshold, is reviewed and approved by the board prior to executing.

Chair Mendoza requested a motion to approve the new budget as presented to the board. Mr. Pechon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lazarus, all voted in favor.

C. Monthly Reports

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- i. Dr. Dunham reviewed the Ends Report for FY22 2Q with the Board. Clarification was provided regarding changes to reporting and monitoring activity for some items in the ENDS report. No questions were asked.
- ii. Mr. Farber reviewed the list of contracts that have been presented for approval to the board for informational purposes, however there are no contracts over \$300,000 that require board approval at this time. He also discussed the new contract development and review process and asserted that there were no existing contracts with amendments bringing them over the \$300,000 threshold. A full sweep of new and old contracts will be done to verify none were missed.
- iii. Dr. Dunham reviewed the incident report for FY22 2Q with the Board. Dr. Lazarus requested a revision to the reported incidents noting that the report should be deidentified and the diagnosis removed.

Dr. Lazarus made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented to the board with the exception of the correction to be made in the summary of incidents. Mr. Pechon seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

As requested by the Board, Dr. Lakisha Mamon presented comprehensive and detailed information about the Child and Youth Division at MHSD.

V. Decision Information

No decision information agenda items were presented

VI. Consent Agenda.

No consent agenda items were presented

VII. Self-evaluation: Board Performance Review

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:12 PM by Mr. Pechon, seconded by Dr. Lazarus; all in favor, motion passed.