

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 17, 2017
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday November 17, 2017, at the Algiers Behavioral Health Clinic, located at 3100 General DeGaulle Drive, Room 103, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114. The meeting was called to order at 12:32 PM. Roll was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Board members in attendance were Joseph Kanter, M.D., Marsha Broussard, MPH, D.Ph., Sarintha Stricklin, Cathy Lazarus, MD, and Gary Mendoza. Gary Mendoza, Chair, was the ranking member and presided over the meeting.

Other individuals present were MHSD, Rochelle Head-Dunham, MD Executive Director/Medical Director, Traci Brown, Chief Financial Officer, David Timoll, Chief Operating Officer, Sharon Barnett-Starks, Mental Health Area Director, Amanda Kay Henderson, Executive Staff Attorney, Kimberly Bourque Executive Assistant to Dr. Dunham, Maria Alexander Criminal Justice Liaison; from the public, Julie Olsen and Sarah Schrimmer.

Call to Order by Board Chair Gary Mendoza.

Motion to approve the October 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

- Motion to approve minutes made by Cathy Lazarus, MD, Joseph Kanter, MD seconded, all voted in favor. Minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

- Gary spoke about the conversation he had with the Carver Model instruction. Gary solicited the board members for a day that they could all make work for the training. Gary explained how the training would go and the cost. The Board Members agree. Motion by Dr. Marsha Broussard to approve, 2nd by Sarintha Stricklin, no objections. The motion was passed.

Executive Director's Report

- Dr. Dunham spoke about the items in her Executive Director's report. However, there was a miscommunication regarding the I/DD update, and we will have the IDD representative at the next meeting to speak to the board about it.
- Maria Alexander spoke about the Re-engagement program that MHSD is currently assisting the city/state with released persons by obtaining next day appointment for services.
- Traci Brown and Gary Mendoza reviewed the fiscal report. Sarintha Strickland asked Traci Brown if there were any budget changes currently for MHSD. Traci Brown informed the Board that there is not any new budget item or concerns at this time.
- Dr. Williams spoke to the board regarding the QDM reports that were provided for the board members to review. She advised that MHSD would have a full report to show how MHSD branding is working in the public.

Parish Updates

Plaquemines - Sarintha Strickland thanked everyone for their participation in the Plaquemines Cares' Celebrity Waiter Event. She thanked David Timoll for being the waiter for the Board's table.

Other Business

Board Calendar – Gary Mendoza asked the Board if they had any ideas for the next board calendar. Gary Mendoza asked if the Board wanted to keep the calendar or look at different times. He suggested maybe moving the meeting to the evening. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn, by Dr. Cathy Lazarus; seconded by Dr. Joseph Kanter. All in favor.