

**Capital Area Human Services District Board Meeting – via ZOOM**  
**March 7, 2022**  
**1:00 PM**

**Directors Present:** Gerri Hobdy, Chair; Laverne Aguillard; Amy Betts; Kathy D’Albor; Chalonda Hollins; Gail Hurst; Toddie Milstead; Genny Nadler Thomas; Virginia Pearson; and Stephanie Webb.

**Directors Absent:** Dwayne Bailey; Rikki Permenter, PhD; Thomas Sawyer, Vice Chair; Edward Songy, Jr.; Rachael Wilkinson; and Mary Winfield

**CAHSD Staff:** Janzlean Laughinghouse, PhD, LCSW-BACS, LAC; Shaketha Carter; and Karen Bray

**Guests:** Angela deGravelles and Rusty Jabour

	<b>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</b>		<b>FOLLOW-UP</b>
Approval of the March 7, 2022, Consent Agenda. and Approval of the February 7, 2022 Minutes	Ms. Gerri Hobdy	Ms. G. Hobdy, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 PM. A quorum was present.  Ms. G. Hobdy thanked the Board members present for attending. Ms. A. Betts made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022, Consent Agenda and Ms. G. Hurst seconded the motion. Ms. G. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022, and Ms. A. Betts seconded the motion.	There were no objections and the motions passed.
Public Comment	Ms. Gerri Hobdy	Ms. Gerri Hobdy read the public comment section from the meeting agenda. There were no public comments made via the email address designated for submitting comments nor through the meeting chat.	There were no public comments.
Communications	Dr. Laughinghouse	Communications – Highlights from the March 2022 Edition of <i>CAHS Connects</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Work the Plan” News Conference – EBR Chief Paul gathered community stakeholders together for a unified front to prevent opioid overdoses. Dr. Laughinghouse reminded the group of the 2018 comprehensive regional response to the opioid crisis plan created by CAHSD along with 130 organizations that they worked on for one and a half years. Dr. Laughinghouse asked the group to recommit to what they said they would do, “Work the Plan”. The EBR Parish Coroner, Beau Clark, MD, didn’t have all of the numbers in, but expects it to be about 350. Dr. Laughinghouse stated that we need to have a sense of urgency. The link to the electronic opioid plan is in the March 2022 newsletter.</li> <li>• Presentation at LSU – Dr. Laughinghouse stated that she and two members of the Prevention Division attended this event. She was invited to be a panel member. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of mental health in Black communities. Pictures can be seen by clicking on the blue button.</li> <li>• Random Acts of Kindness – Dr. Laughinghouse stated that February</li> </ul>	

		<p>17<sup>th</sup> was National Random Acts of Kindness Day. The CAHS Social Media Director Samia Taylor went into the community, surprising people by demonstrating acts of kindness that make a positive difference in how people feel about themselves. She paid for gasoline, presented bouquets of flowers and gave compliments. Recipient responses were positive. Research shows that helping others can reduce stress, improve emotional well-being, and improve physical health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gambling Ad – Dr. Laughinghouse announced that March is Social Work and Problem Gambling Awareness Month. She reminded Board members that CAHSD has a gambling ad. If they missed watching the testimonial of Randy Livingston and interview with Matricia “Matt” Green, LAC, CCGC on WVLA-TV, Channel 33, they can click on the blue button under the story in the March 2022 edition of <i>CAHS Connects</i> to watch.</li> <li>• My Ascension Screening in Donaldsonville – CAHS School Based Therapist Nina Julien, LMSW, attended the Feb. 16 My Ascension documentary screening in Donaldsonville and addressed attendees about the warning signs of teen suicide. Teen suicide, a serious national issue, hit Ascension Parish in 2017 when Dutchtown High School (DTHS) cheerleader, Emma Benoit, attempted suicide. Benoit was paralyzed from the attempt and now travels the country, telling her story to help others. CAHSD supports the screenings to raise awareness whenever possible. CAHSD has a suicide prevention pilot funded by OBH at DTHS.</li> </ul>	
CARF Survey Update	Dr. Laughinghouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARF Survey Update: February 23-25, 2022. Dr. Laughinghouse provided an overview of the backgrounds of each of the three CARF surveyors. They reviewed over 1500 standards. Dr. Laughinghouse provided an overview of highlights from the surveyor’s verbal report on what CAHSD is doing right. CAHSD will receive a written report.</li> <li>• Dr. Laughinghouse gave a shoutout to the following present at the meeting for their efforts/contributions during the 2022 CARF Survey: S. Carter, K. Bray, A. deGravelles and R. Jabour.</li> <li>• Dr. Laughinghouse stated that G. Hobdy, Board Chair, represented the Board in an interview with the CARF surveyors. The surveyor feedback related to our Board was very positive. Dr. Laughinghouse thanked Ms. Hobdy for taking the time for the interview and representing the Board so well. Ms. Hobdy stated that it is wonderful to be able to share the work of the Board and how they connect CAHSD with their communities.</li> </ul>	

Self-Generated Revenue (SGR)	Dr. Laughinghouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Laughinghouse reported that the Self-Generated Revenue (SGR) report is not available for this meeting. CAHSD is still experiencing issues with the CareLogic reconciliation of missing electronic remittances and delayed posting of payments.</li> <li>• Ms. Hobdy asked if the prior year collections and collections this year could be mapped at the top of the SGR report for comparison of percentage increase and decrease.</li> </ul>	
Board Membership Update	Dr. Laughinghouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters have been sent to East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge re: vacancies and have received responses back from both parishes.</li> <li>• Nothing new to report for West Feliciana. Ms. A. Betts stated that it's possible that someone interested in serving on the Board may contact West Feliciana today. There was discussion re: if this was Ms. A. Betts last meeting to attend. We will confirm if today or the June meeting is her last.</li> </ul>	
Report from Chairman			
<b>Governance Policy Review by Direct Inspection/Board Business</b>			
Governance Policy Review	Ms. G. Hobdy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. G. Hobdy gave a shoutout to Dr. Laughinghouse and the CAHSD team for their work and care provided to CAHSD clients and the completion of the recent CARF survey.</li> <li>• There was no Governance Policy Review by Direction Inspection scheduled for March.</li> <li>• Board Member's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy (Compliance)</li> <li>• Ms. Hobdy gave an overview of what the policy states and asked if anyone felt that the Board was not in compliance with the policy.</li> <li>• Ms. A. Betts stated that the Board is in compliance with the Board Member's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy and made a motion to accept the policy as is. The motion was seconded by Ms. K. D'Albor.</li> </ul>	There were no objections and the motion passed.
Board Member's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy (Compliance)	Ms. G. Hobdy		
Adjournment/Next Meeting	Ms. G. Hobdy		
		The next Board meeting is on <b>April 4, 2022, at 1:00PM.</b> Meeting location is Capital Area Human Services, 7389 Florida Blvd., Suite 100A, Baton Rouge, LA. Ms. V. Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. G. Hurst seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.	There were no objections and the motions passed.