

Florida Parishes Human Services Authority Administrative Office

835 Pride Drive, Suite B

Hammond, LA 70401

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

December 6, 2019

Dr. Genesa Garofalo Metcalf, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority (FPHSA) Governing Board to order at 9:35 a.m.

Rebecca Soley conducted a roll call. A quorum was established.

Attendees

Governing Board: David Cressy; Liz Gary; Danielle Keys; Timothy Lentz; Genesa Garofalo Metcalf, M.D; Mona Pellichino; Cheryl Smith; and Carol Stafford

Absent: Gary Porter and Cheryl Smith

FPHSA Staff/ Guest: Richard Kramer, Executive Director; Rachelle Sibley, Chief Operating Officer; Rebecca Soley, FPHSA/Executive Administration; Janise Monetta, FPHSA/Developmental Disabilities Services; Dr. Schoener LaPrairie, FPHSA Medical Director

Prayer was offered by Ms. Pellichino.

Agenda/Consent Agenda

Dr. Metcalf extended an offer for additional agenda items or revisions to the agenda. Ms. Pellichino made a motion to amend the agenda by adding "Housekeeping" under Section XI - Board Business; seconded by Mr. Cressy.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gary made a motion adopting the agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Stafford.

The motion passed unanimously.

Excused Absences

Ms. Pellichino made a motion to excuse the absence of Rev. Porter; seconded by Mr. Cressy. Ms. Smith's absence was not excused.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cressy made a motion amending the October 25, 2019 minutes by revising page 1 correcting Mr. Lentz's name; seconded by Ms. Pellichino.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

Dr. Metcalf welcomed all in attendance and extended an opportunity for public input.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Kramer submitted a copy of the Executive Director's Report for November/December to members of the governing board. He outlined the following:

1. **Zero Suicide** - We were given official notification this week from Baptist community Ministries that we will be receiving a \$123,000 grant for Zero Suicide initiatives in St. Tammany Parish. Among the initiatives being funded by this grant are cognitive behavioral therapy treatment trainings, ongoing consultation/supervision for staff trained in the program, ASIST trainings, and a contract with a suicidologist to review our suicide processes to identify areas of improvement or best practices to reduce suicides. Because BCM's mission only includes St. Tammany out of our five parishes their funding can only be used there but we will be mirroring some of the initiatives in other parishes while others will benefit the whole agency because of the nature of their work.
2. **TEFRA** - In the recent legislative session the Louisiana legislature passed what would become Act 421 which instructs LDH to implement the Tax Equity & Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) provisions that allow Medicaid programs to provide Medicaid eligibility to children with disabilities regardless of parental income if the child meets level of care for intermediate care facilities, nursing homes, or hospitals. It is expected that 3,800 children state-wide will qualify and LDH estimates that approximately 1,000 of those are not currently on the registry for services. It is expected that approximately 98 of those individuals will be from the FPHSA catchment area we are working with LDH to provide the additional resources to implement these steps to ensure that eligible children can receive the services available to them.
3. **Job Fair** - Our job fair in Covington last month was another success with a great turnout of employers and job seekers. At the most recent fair it seemed that both groups were more engaged which is an encouraging sign that perhaps the idea of individuals with developmental disabilities in employment is becoming more common.

Jeff Arseneaux, who most know from his work with us on previous job fairs and throughout the developmental disabilities community, will be recognized next week at the Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards with the Ken Vince Memorial Award. Our next steps to try to impact this item are a planned series of webinars with different individuals such as employers, employees, and parents who have been impacted by this issue as well as a seminar for employers to present information on employing individuals with disabilities to include addressing myths and preconceptions as well as types of supports available.

4. **Slidell Pharmacy** - The new Slidell pharmacy is now operational and serving individuals of the Slidell clinic with an official grand opening planned for some time early next year.
5. **AOT** - Mr. Kramer met with Judge Garcia of the 22nd Judicial District Court and Nick Richard of NAMI St. Tammany last week to discuss collaborating to apply for a SAMHSA grant that would allow for up to \$1m per year for four years to implement Assertive Outpatient Treatment programs. FPHSA would be the lead applicant with the other two agencies as partners. This is an initiative that has been desired and discussed for the past few years and this grant is a possible

vehicle to get it off the ground and would help provide a framework for treatment of some of those in our community with the greatest needs who have a history of decompensating when not compliant when their treatment. This will make them and the community at large safer while also providing for better outcomes through a best practice model that has been successful across the country.

6. Syringe Service Program – Last evening Mr. Kramer testified, along with staff from the Office of Public Health, at the Livingston Parish Council meeting on an ordinance to allow a needle exchange program in Livingston Parish. OPH is working in communities across the state, particularly those with high use of IV drug use, HIV, and hepatitis infections, to get the required approvals to solicit partners for these programs. The statistics show that public health is served by reducing disease spread by dirty needles as well as that individuals engaged with needle exchange programs a three times as likely to seek drug treatment and five times as likely to quit. Unfortunately the council voted unanimously to table the issue indefinitely after initial promising dialogue on the idea. It is a difficult idea to sell to stakeholders who do not have all of the information as the first reaction tends to be that people believe this is facilitating drug use even though the data proves otherwise. OPH plans to encourage similar measures in our other parishes and, though they may be met with some of the same resistance, that is part of the process and hopefully with enough outreach and education there will be an opportunity in the future to make the service available in our region.
7. Developmental Disabilities Services Information – Mr. Kramer provided some developmental disabilities services data for August, September, and October 2019 on the following information: Systems Entry; Referrals for Crisis Placement; PASRR; Residential Placement Searches; IFS Information including Referrals, individuals/families receiving IFS, the number on the waiting List, and denials; FFF information including those receiving FFF and the number on the waiting list; and Waiver Information including those receiving Waiver Services and the number on the waiting list.
8. Behavioral Health Services Information – Mr. Kramer provided the number of persons served and services provided for the following: Bogalusa Behavioral Health Clinic; Denham Springs Behavioral Health Clinic; Mandeville Behavioral Health Clinic; Rosenblum Behavioral Health Clinic; Slidell Behavioral Health Clinic; Outreach Services in Franklinton, Greensburg, and Kentwood; and Home and Community Based Services, as well as the number serviced through Residential Treatment Services for August, September, and October 2019.

Mr. Lentz made a motion to accept the Executive Director's report as presented; seconded by Ms. Stafford.

The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report- December 2019:

Ms. Sibley presented the Financial Report for December 2019 as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

FPHSA's current FY 2020 budget analysis, as of October 31st reflects a projected deficit; however, we are projecting collecting over the self-generated budget to be transferred to escrow at the close of the fiscal year. An analysis of FPHSA's operating and escrow budget was disseminated to the board. The Fiscal Department will continue to monitor revenues and expenditures closely.

Ms. Pellichino made a motion to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Mr. Lentz.

The motion passed unanimously.

Board Business

Housekeeping

Dr. Metcalf encouraged the board that as the year comes to a close to take a personal self-assessment of their service to the board in regard to performance, attendance, participation, etc. Dr. Metcalf thanked the board for their service in 2019 and indicated she was looking forward to the great things ahead in 2020.

Officer Terms

Dr. Metcalf opened the floor for officer nominations. Nominations were to continue Dr. Metcalf's term as Chair and Ms. Keys' term as Vice Chair.

Mr. Lentz made a motion approving the nomination of Dr. Metcalf as Board Chair for 2021; seconded by Mr. Cressy.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lentz made a motion approving the nomination of Ms. Keys as Board Vice Chair for 2021; seconded by Ms. Pellichino.

The motion passed unanimously.

Agency Policy 123: Exclusions of Individuals and Entities Policy

Mr. Kramer presented Agency Policy 123: Exclusions of Individuals and Entities Policy for the board's consideration.

Mr. Lentz made a motion adopting the policy as written and presented; seconded by MS. Gary.

The motion passed unanimously.

Confirmation of the next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the FPHSA Governing Board is scheduled on Friday, January 24, 2020, at the Administrative Office at 835 Pride Drive, Suite B, and Hammond, LA.

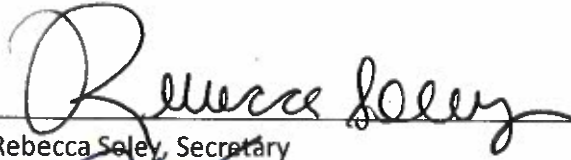
Adjournment

Mr. Lentz made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Cressy.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



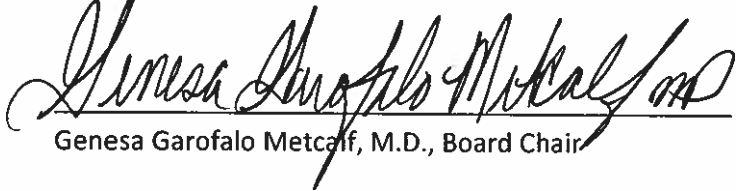
Rebecca Seley, Secretary

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Date



Richard J. Kramer, Executive Director

1-24-20
Date



Genesa Garofalo Metcalf, M.D., Board Chair

1/24/20
Date