

JEFFERSON PARISH HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
WEST JEFFERSON OFFICE BUILDING
MARRERO, LA 70072

Monday, March 6, 2023

JPHSA Board Members in Attendance:

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| James Arey | Robin Parker-Brooks | Alan Carroll |
| Alex Redfearn | Shawnta Gardener-Taylor | Patricia Ehrle |

JPHSA Board Members Absent:

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| Bruce Galbraith | Darrell Renfro |
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Staff in Attendance:

Rosanna DiChiro Derbes, Executive Director
Christy Dempster, Chief Financial Officer
Trudy Ingersoll, Accreditation Coordinator

Ms. Gardener-Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Order, Attendance, Introduction of Visitors, Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked staff members and guest in attendance to introduce themselves.

Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Ehrle made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Required Approvals Agenda

A. February Minutes – Mr. Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes as presented prior to the meeting. Dr. Parker Brooks seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

4. Board Education.

A. Executive Director Update – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported as follows:

- Electronic Health System – Dr. DiChiro Derbes informed the Board the new electronic health system became effective on February 15, 2023. The agency has had daily calls with the implementation team to ensure a smooth transition. The Behavioral Health Community Services and Developmental Disabilities Community Services Divisions are next in the implementation process. Ms. Dempster reported that the agency has weekly calls to address any billing issues that may arise. She stated that she can customize reporting to meet the needs of the agency. A discussion followed.

- Federal Funding – Dr. DiChiro Derbes informed the Board she received an opportunity for the agency to receive funding for Early Childhood Supports and Services. The funding will come through Louisiana Department of Health Office of Behavioral Health. JPHSA agreed to be the pass through with Tulane. A discussion followed.

B. JeffCare Board Update – Mr. Carroll gave a report on the JeffCare Board meeting held on February 15, 2023. Mr. Carroll informed the Board that primary care provider productivity has increased since last year. A discussion followed.

5. Monitoring Executive Director Performance

A. Consultant and Contract Work Monitoring Report – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Consultant and Contract Work monitoring report. Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked the Board if they assessed the interpretation of the monitoring report to be a reasonable interpretation of the policy. The Board affirmed they did. Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked for a motion to accept the interpretation of the policy as reasonable. Ms. Redfearn made a motion to accept the interpretation as reasonable for the Consultant and Contract Work monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Parker Brooks. Passed unanimously.

Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked the Board if they felt the data presented in the monitoring report indicated compliance with the interpretation presented. The Board affirmed they did. Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked for a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance with this policy. Mr. Arey made a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance for the Consultant and Contract Work monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. Passed unanimously.

6. Monitoring Board Performance

A. Board Self-evaluation – Ms. Ehrle volunteered to complete the Board self-evaluation.

B. Policy Review – Cost of Governance – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Cost of Governance policy. There were no changes to this policy.

Attendance – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Attendance policy. There were no changes to this policy.

C. Recruitment – Ms. Ehrle inquired about the prospective board member that was not able to make February's meeting. She will reach out to see if she is still interested. Mr. Arey stated he has someone in mind. He will reach out to Sgt. Guidry of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Crisis Unit to see if he may be interested in joining the Board.

Ms. Ingersoll then reported the Board members who are rotating off of the Board this year and stated that they may stay on the Board until a replacement is found.

D. Annual Retreat Planning – Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked Dr. DiChiro Derbes to discuss a potential consultant for the retreat. She stated the consultant can suggest some ideas to the Board. A discussion followed.

7. Announcements

A. Board Generated Items – Mr. Arey stated he attends a collaborative sharing information regarding individuals who have been hospitalized. He complimented Jennifer Zinter, Behavioral Health Community Services Director, for her help in structuring the meetings. He stated the meetings are spectacular and that he has seen a reduction in the number of outpatient patient commitments. A discussion followed.

B. Next Board meeting – The next meeting of the Board is on Monday, April 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at **JPHSA's West Jefferson Building, 5001 West Bank Expressway, Training Room, Marrero, LA 70072.**

8. Adjournment

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Ms. Ehrle seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.


SHAWNTA GARDENER-TAYLOR
Board Chairperson