

JEFFERSON PARISH HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
WEST JEFFERSON TRAINING ROOM
5001 West Bank Expressway, Suite 200
Marrero, LA 70072

Monday, April 3, 2023

JPHSA Board Members in Attendance:

James Arey	Robin Parker-Brooks	Darrel Renfro
Bruce Galbraith	Shawnta Gardener-Taylor	Alex Redfearn

JPHSA Board Members Absent:

Alan Carroll	Patricia Ehrle
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Staff in Attendance:

Rosanna DiChiro Derbes, Executive Director
Trudy Ingersoll, Board Liaison

Ms. Gardener-Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. Mr. Galbraith made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Arey seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. JPHSA Board Linkages

A. Mr. Renfro attended the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice on March 21-23 in New Orleans. He stated that JPHSA provided an information table at the event. A discussion followed.

4. Required Approvals Agenda

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

5. Board Education.

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

- Early Childhood Services and Supports Contract – the contract has been sent to Tulane today to sign. Dr. DiChiro Derbes will serve as a consultant on operations and programmatic issues. A discussion followed.

- Legislative Meetings – Dr. DiChiro Derbes and Christy Dempster, Chief Financial Officer are going to the legislative meetings. They are scheduled to go again tomorrow for the community hearings that are

starting for the legislative session. This coming fiscal year is predicted to be stable financially. A discussion followed.

- Medicaid Changes – Dr. DiChiro Derbes said it has been predicted that 300,000 people will lose Medicaid. Dr. DiChiro Derbes stated that we will still see individuals with commercial insurance. A discussion followed.

B. JeffCare Board Update – Deferred due to Mr. Carroll’s absence from the meeting.

6. Monitoring Executive Director Performance

A. Treatment of Staff Monitoring Report – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Treatment of Staff 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. Mr. Arey made a motion to accept the interpretation as reasonable for the Treatment of Staff monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Renfro. 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. Galbraith made a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance for the Treatment of Staff monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Parker-Brooks. Passed unanimously.

7. Monitoring Board Performance

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

B. Policy Review – Accountability of the Executive Director – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Accountability of the Executive Director policy. Mr. Galbraith opened the discussion regarding the use of the word “never” in number one of the policy. Mr. Arey made a motion to change the word “never” to “will not” and “to persons” will be changed to “any person.” Mr. Galbraith seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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

C. Recruitment – Mr. Arey stated he has Sgt. Guidry of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office Crisis Unit in mind. He will reach out to him to see if his is interested in joining the Board.

D. Govern for Impact Conference – Ms. Ingersoll reported this year’s Govern for Impact Conference will be June 15-17 in Glen Alan (Richmond), Virginia. The pre-conference is June 15 and the main conference is June 16 & 17. Board members were asked to let Ms. Ingersoll know if they are interested in attending prior to the next Board meeting.

E. Financial Disclosure Tier 2.1 for Year 2022 – Deadline May 15, 2023 – Ms. Ingersoll reminded Board members to fill out and send their financial disclosure form to the State prior to May 15, 2023. She asked members to send her a copy for her files.


8. Announcements

A. Board Generated Items – None.

B. Next Board meeting – The next meeting of the Board is on Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at **JPHSA's West Jefferson Building, 5001 West Bank Expressway, Suite 200, Marrero, LA 70072.**

9. Adjournment

Dr. Parker-Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Mr. Renfro seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.


SHAWNTA GARDENER-TAYLOR
Board Chairperson