

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

November 15, 2022

**Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Conference Room,
2513 Ferrand Street, 71201**

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Mike Shipp and prayer was led by Mike Shipp and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made Cynthia Mathes and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of October 11: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Thelma Merrells, Rev. Shawn Hornsby, Cynthia Mathes, Mike Shipp, Latanya Whiteside and Yvonne Lewis

Board Absent: Randy Williams, Andy Bryan and Tasha Washington

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic A. Sizer and Delores R. Harris

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

October is known as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. NEDHSA is involved in many regional activities. All can be seen on NEDHSA's various social media platforms.

NEDHSA and Genoa Pharmacy will officially cut the ribbon on its pharmacy collaboration on October 19, 2022 at 11 am. All activities took place at NEDHSA's Monroe Integrated Care Clinic Video and pictures were placed on NEDHSA's social media platforms. Thanks Mr. Shipp for attending and contributing to the event's success.

NEDHSA hosted its 3rd Annual Walk/Run 1k/5k on October 22, 2022. NEDHSA partnered with Tallulah City Government. The event began at 8 am on the campus of Madison Middle School. Thanks Yvonne Lewis for being in attendance and helping out.

NEDHSA Prevention and Wellness staff are hosted an anti-bullying essay campaign to help reduce bullying on the campus of Madison Middle School. The event was an overwhelming success.

NEDHSA continues to produce several videos that describe its various program areas. These videos

are designed to further diminish health related stigma and to encourage more proactive health seeking behaviors regionally.

There was a Take Back Box placed at the Monroe Behavioral Health Center on September 13, 2022. The Box will be available for staff, patients, and members of the community to discard all used and unwanted medications. We have placed about eight other boxes regionally. NEDHSA staff also held several Take Back Box events in November. We removed a couple hundred pounds of old and unused medications from the region's streets. Pictures can be seen on our social media sites.

NEDHSA will be hosting several national Great American Smokeout activities on November 17, 2022. Staff will be at Ollie Burns Memorial Library at 10A.M. and Rolling Hills Ministries from 2-4 P.M.

Dr. Monteic A. Sizer will be a featured speaker at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) November 11, 2022 Veterans Day event. The event was well attended. Event pictures can be found on NEDHSA's social media platforms.

NEDHSA launched its new and improved website last week. New features include read-to-me functionality along with adaptive technology. NEDHSA's updated version was developed to help vulnerable populations in Northeast Louisiana better read and understand how to access competent and quality healthcare services. We are currently establishing the Apple version of the website. A Samsung version currently exists.

NEDHSA launched a Wellness at Work Initiative for all agency staff. The last 2.5 years have been a difficult time for the world due to COVID-19 and related societal issues. And because we understand how stress impacts the body, we are taking time to heal and renew ourselves. Thus, NEDHSA is working with Aleixs Cherrell Holistic Wellness Spa to bring Wellness to Work by offering Sauna, Detox, Yoga stretch, Vitamin Cocktail and Oxygen "02" Bar at each NEDHSA facility. This is also consistent with our well-spot designation earned due to our agency's commitment to health and wellness.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Executive Director Report & Fiscal Report

After the ED's Report and monthly Fiscal Report was presented a Motion made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept the reports as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Planning & Budgeting/Financial Condition and Activities – *With respect to the actual, ongoing financial condition and activities, the ED shall not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from board priorities established in Ends policies.*

NEDHSA's FY23 appropriated budget is \$16,404,881. Total excluding SGR= \$15,631,037. Our IAT = \$4,483,420. Self-generated = \$773,844.

- Global Executive Constraints (Policy Manual Page 12)
No changes was recommended by NEDHSA board members

Board –

- Executive Limits: Communication with and Support of the Board (Policy Manual page 12-13)
- Board member status :
- Lincoln Parish Police Jury approved 2 new members
- Dr. Tony Young 10-1-2022 through September 20, 2025
- Dr. Tiffany Bates 01-1-2023 through December 31, 2025
- Nominations for Board Executive Committee 2022
 - Chairperson
 - Vice-Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

This was tabled until the next meeting on December 13, 2022

Mr. Mike Shipp resigned as NEDHSA board chairperson due to other personal obligations effective 12-31-2022. The board accepted his resignation and wished him well in his new endeavors.

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach
- Travel Forms

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Next Meeting – December 13, 2022 - **5:30 pm**

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