

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

April 9, 2019

Ouachita Parish Health Unit – Community Room

1650 Desiard Street, Monroe, LA 71202

5:30PM

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

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of March 12: A Motion was made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve / accept the Minutes with correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Mike Shipp, Latanya Whiteside, Yvonne Lewis, Dr. E. H. Baker, Amanda Booth and Thelma Merrells

Board member Absent: None

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

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

We hosted a standing room only suicide awareness training Friday, April 5, 2019. The training was held at the Monroe Civic Center. 722 Louisianans committed suicide in 2017. Northeast Louisiana has seen an uptick in recent years of deaths caused by suicide. We have future trainings being scheduled to help mitigate this significant societal issue

We are co-sponsoring a regional suicide awareness walk/run Saturday, April 13, 21019 on the campus of ULM. It will begin at the ULM Activity Center. Registration begins at 8 am. The walk/run will be from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

Dr. Sizer was the opening keynote speaker for Grambling State University's Behavioral Health Services for Children, Adolescents and Families Symposium.

Dr. Sizer and staff purchased and distributed sixty care packages for those residing at the Mary Goss nursing home. This is consistent with Operation Golden Years, a Northeast Delta senior initiative.

Our regional TV, radio and billboard ads are continuing to bring greater awareness to our agency and various initiatives. Our opioid media campaign has launched regionally.

Additionally, we will be hosting another statewide opioid summit sometime in June of this year. More details to come.

We have selected a cast for our upcoming stage play “Addict”. The performance will take place at the Monroe Civic Center’s Jack Howard Theatre on May 2, 2019. The show will be from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Help us fill the Jack Howard Theatre

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED’s report was presented, along with the monthly Fiscal report, a Motion made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Dr. E. H. Baker to approve / accept the ED report, documentation and Fiscal 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 FY18-19 appropriated budget is \$14,248,950. Our SGF = \$10,296,034. Our IAT = \$3,179,072. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board –

- Code of Conduct Forms – (page 33) All forms have been received from NEDHSA board members

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Review Board Committee Principles (page 7-8)
- Board member self-evaluation
- Public official Ethics Training (page 32)
- Personal financial disclosure (page 32)
- Upcoming Events/Community Activities
- Board Development Activity It was suggested to plan to start a Legislative Committee for board members to learn the different aspects of how the Legislative process works through getting an in site from a Legislative Aide.
- Dr. Sizer and Mr. Shipp will meet to discuss and let the board know their findings

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Next Meeting – **May 21, 2019 - 5:30 pm**

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