

.NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

February 8, 2022

Remote meeting held via ZOOM format

5:30PM

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

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Rev. Shawn Hornsby and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of January 11: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Rev. Shawn Hornsby to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Absent:

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

Northeast Delta signed an MOU with the Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs to further enhance services to mentally ill seniors, addicted to substances, hungry, etc. We are also getting them to assist us with our current research on food insecurity and solutions to health and human services gaps experienced by seniors.

NEDHSA signed an MOU with Prime Time Head Start, a regional pre-k provider, to help expand access to evidence-based mental health and prevention and wellness services. As of this writing, we have agreements with all Head Start programs and provide a similar set of services in nearly all regional public school districts. We have prevention and wellness programs operating at the pre-k, k-12, and collegiate levels.

Northeast Delta hosted two virtual Rise above Stigma town halls with Jackson and Madison Parishes residents. Future town halls will be scheduled and publicized in the coming weeks. We also commissioned a mural that depicts stigma-related scenes. The mural was displayed prominently on ULM's campus for two weeks. The display is now at the Northeast Louisiana African American Museum. It will soon travel to Union Parish Museum of History and Art. We also intend to have the mural placed at the Monroe City Airport.

We are also bringing back our regional psychodrama to highlight and destigmatize mental illness and addiction. The theatrical play, Alky, will occur in May for two showings, and it will be shown at ULM's campus theater free of charge. See attachment provided.

As part of our Operation Golden Years and Leave No Veteran Behind initiatives, our agency staff and Prevention and Wellness Student Ambassadors collected, delivered, and donated items to regional seniors and veterans.

We will continue to participate in many social media campaigns, including suicide prevention and various addiction ones. We have also started a massive Rise above Stigma digital public awareness campaign about stigma and our programs and services. This digital campaign includes Google, website, news banners, various social media outlets, etc.

We will be making public our independently evaluated six-month Rise above Stigma results. We are making excellent progress with this unprecedented anti-stigma campaign. See attached report.

Dr. Sizer shared with staff that he expects that Northeast Delta will be fully integrated programmatically and across all departments by July 1, 2022. To date, all fiscal policies and procedures, analytics, HR, technology, and facilities are being aligned to support this agency objective. This objective is consistent with the Board-approved agency strategic plan. Being fully integrated will also allow Northeast Delta to be more efficient, effective, and outcomes - driven. We will see more significant innovations and larger population health improvements in Northeast Louisiana when this happens, and we will also be the first LGE to accomplish this.

We relaunched our mobile app. The app provides users a one-click experience to all NEDHSA resources and network partners. It can be downloaded via Google Play Station. It will be available on Apple products soon. We are encouraging everybody in the region to download the app.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal report a Motion made by Cynthia Mathes and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve / accept 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 FY22 appropriated budget is \$15, 516,455. Our SGF = \$10,578,707. Our IAT = \$5,007,753. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board –

- Conflict of Interest Statements
- Public Official Ethics Training - due by May 15 (page 32)
- Personal Financial Disclosure – due by May 15 (page 32)

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach
- Board Members Terms/Renewal of Appointments
- Travel Forms due MONTHLY

ADJOURN

A Motion made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by LaTanya Whiteside to adjourn meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – March 8, 2022 - 5:30 pm
NEDHSA Administrative Office
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