

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

July 12, 2022

Ouachita Parish Health Unit, Community Room, 1650 DeSiard Street, Monroe, LA. 71201

5:30PM

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

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

Adopt Minutes of June 14: A Motion was made by Cynthia Mathes and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Absent: None

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

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: Tasha Washington, Franklin Parish

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

NEDHSA and Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center signed a formal MOU and are hosting a range of cancer related screenings regionally. On Monday July 11, 2022, NEDHSA and Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center hosted colorectal cancer prevention screenings at NEDHSA's Bastrop Behavioral Health Clinic.

NEDHSA released its FY22 annual recap newsletter on Thursday, July 7, 2022. The newsletter highlighted all the innovative things NEDHSA did regionally in FY22.

NEDHSA and the Black Creatives Circle of Northeast Louisiana hosted a mural reveal in downtown Monroe June 30, 2022. This initiative has generated lots of regional media and community attention. We currently have murals in downtown Monroe, downtown Lake Providence, and on the campus of Grambling State University. The University of Louisiana at Monroe designed our traveling mural. Our traveling mural has been housed and showcased at several regional museums.

Our recently published Determinants of Telehealth Service Use among Mental Health Patients: A Case of Rural Louisiana in the prestigious International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, continues to get excellent reviews statewide and nationally. We are currently working on additional manuscripts based on our integrated healthcare services and model.

We hosted a sold out in person and virtual Opioid Summit Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Monroe Convention Center. Our theme was Openly Using Recovery: Strategies to Rise Above Stigma. This free event offered CEUs, food and snacks, and regional vendors to participants.

We already made public our independently evaluated six-month Rise Above Stigma results. We are concluding the final six-months of the final report and will be making it public soon. This work is unprecedented in our region and for our state.

Dr. Sizer continues to share with staff that he expects that Northeast Delta will become fully integrated programmatically and across all business departments. Vendor supply chain issues have slightly delayed the full implementation of this aforementioned objective. To date, all fiscal policies and procedures, analytics, HR, technology, and facilities are being further aligned to support this agency objective. This objective is consistent with the Board-approved agency strategic plan and outcomes focus. We will see more significant innovations and larger population health improvements in Northeast Louisiana when this happens.

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 Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Thelma Merrells 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 FY23 appropriated budget is \$16,404,881. Total excluding SGR= \$15,631,037. Our IAT = \$4,483,420. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board –

- Board Member Recruitment (Ongoing)
- Parish Outreach
- Travel Forms due Monthly

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A Motion was made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to end the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – August 9, 2022

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