

**NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)**

**Board Meeting MINUTES**

**May 21, 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 April 9:** A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve / accept the Minutes with correction. Motion passed unanimously.

**Board Members Present:**

Mike Shipp, Latanya Whiteside, Yvonne Lewis and Thelma Merrells

**Board member Absent:** Dr. E. H. Baker and Amanda Booth

**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**

Addict, our regional psychodrama was a resounding success. We had over 750 people in attendance at the Jack Howard Theatre on May 2, 2019.

We are hosting client appreciation events the entire Month of May 2019. We have festive events scheduled at each of our regional clinic locations.

We had a two day Faith Partnership Initiative team training on May 17-18 at Walking in the Word Church. With this initiative, we are helping houses of faith better understand addiction and mental illness. We will be holding a statewide faith summit next fiscal year.

We are hosting a statewide prison reentry summit on June 11, 2019 at First West Church in Monroe. The event will be from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. This will be a standing room only event.

There will be a health fair held in West Monroe on June 8, 2019. The location will be the West Monroe Community Center. It will be from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. The theme is “Be Strong! Be Healthy. Be Happy!

Dr. Sizer will be the keynote speaker during several upcoming events, to include an event hosted by the Louisiana Supreme Court at the Cajun Dome in Lafayette, ULM's Addictions and Elderly Symposium, Prison Reentry Summit, etc.

Our regional TV, radio and billboard ads are continuing to bring greater awareness to our agency and various initiatives. We are everywhere.

I met with several regional principals to discuss our AL's Pals school-based program May 15, 2019. During the meeting, we unveiled several "Buddy Benches" designed to help reduce bullying, suicide and promote other prosocial behavior in school settings. Op Zone high school students painted the benches. The Children's Coalition operates this program on our behalf.

We are working with a local attorney to execute criminal expungements for non-violent clients with mental illness and addiction. More information to come.

I have a meeting with the Dr. Morris, the new Dean of ULM's Medical School, to discuss a partnership as part of our integrated care model.

I met with the Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences, Ronald Berry to discuss a formal Northeast Delta/University of Louisiana –Monroe partnership. ULM President Bruno is reviewing the MOU and plans to sign it. We discussed the following opportunities:

- ☞ Working with the university business incubator to help with regional economic development and small business capacity
- ☞ Working with the economic impact study faculty to measure Northeast Delta's regional impact
- ☞ Working with the gerontology faculty as part of our Operations Golden Years initiative
- ☞ Working with university faculty on policy issues and funding opportunities
- ☞ Contributing to the practice management program of Study

## **GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS**

### **Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports**

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal data, a Motion made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Thelma Merrells 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 –

- Emergency Executive Succession with Organizational Chart (page 12)
- Dr. Sizer presented the board a Succession Plan in the Event of an Extended or Permanent Absence if he is out an extended length of time due to unforeseen circumstances. This will be put in the minute's book.

## Board –

- Upcoming Events/Community Activities  
Thelma Merrells reported an event happening at New Light Church called My Talent. This event is to showcase talent in the area and give them tips on using that talent to create job opportunities for themselves. She also mentioned a health fair being held on June 3, 2019 at the Church.
- Board Development Activities  
Mr. Shipp is working on a Legislative training for the board members within the coming months.
- Chairperson's Role (page 8) It was discussed and A motion was made by LaTanya Whiteside and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve/accept the Chairperson's Role as written with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **BOARD MANAGEMENT – *Ongoing***

- Board Self-Evaluation
- Board Development

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **ADJOURN**

Next Meeting – **June 11, 2019 - 5:30 pm**  
NEDHSA Administrative Office  
2513 Ferrand Street  
Monroe, LA 71201