



**Metropolitan Human Services District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 20, 2019  
12:30pm  
Algiers Behavioral Health Clinic  
3100 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70014**

*MHSD fulfills its statutory role as the planning body for the behavioral health, addiction and intellectual/developmental disability services for the residents of Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes by ensuring that eligible residents in these parishes have access to person centered and recovery focused supports designed to optimize their role in the community.*

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## Minutes

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- I. Call to Order
  - Meeting was called to order 12:30p by Chair Gary Mendoza
  
- II. Attendance
  - A quorum was present consisting of Gary Mendoza, Dr. Joseph Kanter, Michael Pechon, Dr. Cathy Lazarus, Dr. Sarintha Stricklin, Leslie Prest, Stanley Simeon and Ariel Lloyd; Absent from the meeting were Sara Schirmer and Mike Miller. Other individuals in attendance were: MHSD – Rochelle Head-Dunham, MD, FAPA; Traci Brown, MHSD CFO; Steven Farber, JD., MHSD Dep. Director of Administration/General Counsel and Toni Harrigan, MHSD, Interim Executive Assistant.
  
- III. Approval of the November 22, 2019 Minutes
  - Minutes were reviewed and approved by motion of Michael Pichon, seconded by Dr. Kanter, all voted in favor.
  
- IV. Monitoring Reports
  - Monthly Dashboard

Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham reviewed the monthly dashboard with the board of directors and fielding any questions that were asked. Discussed agreement with Quartet Health for MHSD referral from primary care providers to MHSD for behavioral health services. This is a good opportunity to increase MHSD primary care coordination. Also, discussed another coordination of care with Daughters of Charity.

Fiscal/Budget was presented by CFO Traci Brown. Discussed change in plan for construction plan to increase capacity and meeting space in St. Bernard. Will scale down plan to attempt to obtain lower bids to fit within the planned budget for project. The projected MHSD budget and current spending were discussed and shown on the fiscal report to the Board.
  - November Ends Reports

Dr. Dunham discussed the Communications report on media coverage. MHSD is scheduled to appear in several parades this year and has partnered with WDSU and NOPD for parade safe zone advertising and locations during Mardi Gras. Discussed strategy for addiction treatment billboard advertisement and feedback received on the advertising. MHSD also filmed a commercial to promote its new Telehealth project that will begin soon. The commercials will start running once the program begins.

Motion to accept the Monthly Monitoring Reports by Dr. Kanter and Seconded by Michael Pechon, all voted in favor.

Dr. Dunham informed the Board that MHSD finished its CARF accreditation and has been awarded a three-year accreditation.

- V. Decision Information  
No decision information was presented.
- VI. Consent Agenda  
No consent agenda items were presented.
- VII. Self-evaluation  
Round table discussion to evaluate this meeting.
- VIII. Adjourn
  - Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Lazarus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ariel Lloyd; all in favor, motion passed.