



**Metropolitan Human Services District
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2022 | 11 AM
3100 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70114**

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.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting was called to order 12:31 PM by Chair Gary Mendoza and it was determined that a Quorum was present.

- II. Attendance
 - A. A quorum was present consisting of Gary Mendoza, Michael Pechon, Dr. Ariel Lloyd, Dr. Cathy Lazarus, Mike Miller, Charlotte Parent, Dr. Sarintha Stricklin, B. Gerard Woodrich and Dr. Brian L. Turner
 - B. Absent from the meeting were Dr. Marcus A. Bachhuber, Leslie Prest, Stanley Simeon, and Tenisha T. Stevens,
 - C. Other individuals in attendance were Rochelle Head-Dunham, MD, DFAPA, FASAM, MHSD Executive Director/Medical Director; Traci Brown, MHSD CFO; Steven Farber, MHSD Deputy Director & General Counsel, and Karen Canales, Executive Staff Officer to MHSD Executive Director/Medical Director.

- III. Approval of the Minutes on December 17, 2021
 - A. Minutes were reviewed and approved by motion of Mr. Pechon, seconded by Dr. Turner, all voted in favor.

- IV. Monitoring Reports
 - A. Monthly Dashboard

Dr. Dunham reviewed the December Dashboard, the monthly service counts by Fiscal year and provided narrative to the board comparing FY21 and the current FY22 services. The Telehealth report from November was reviewed and the telehealth modality has maintained at 30% of the individuals served. Dr. Dunham projects lowering the audio modality to be decreased below 5% of the individuals served versus the 15% presented in the November report. The highest number of activities was seen in Medication Management

B. Fiscal Report

Chairman Mendoza, Mr. Pechon, Dr. Dunham, and Ms. Brown met at 12 noon today to review the fiscal reports. Ms. Brown presented the reports for the Board and noted that MHSD has received additional funding that will be used during the next FY. The COVID supplemental was awarded late and supply chain issues have arisen due to the pandemic. She will present more detail in the meetings coming up detailing the contracts that may have to be presented to the Board for approval including plans to use the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grants that have been awarded to MHSD.

C. Monthly Reports

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Dr. Dunham reviewed the annual report and will send a hard copy to each of the board members. Edits were made to the IT component of the report as discussed in the December meeting

The Ends Report for FY22 2Q will be reviewed in the month of February.

Other Efforts by MHSD currently going on are

- Dr. Dunham invited the Board to participate in the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Collective for New Orleans Forum and Panel Discussion: Doing Mental Health Differently to be held at the Ashe Cultural Arts Center. An invitation to the board will be sent out.
- Dr. Dunham shared the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts that MHSD will engage in for this FY22, such as the recognition of different diversity months and also the LGBTQ+ survey to staff to increase awareness of services to persons served.
- OBH released an RFP for the new State Community Based Comprehensive Crisis Continuum, and it will increase services from calling the call center and obtaining Mobile Crisis services to include community brief crisis support, 23-hr. crisis stabilization and crisis support stabilization. The City of New Orleans has also released an RFP to have a 24-hr. mobile crisis team

Vice Chair Pechon requested a motion to approve the reports as presented and to accept to defer the Ends Report for the February 2022 meeting. Ms. Parent made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lloyd, all voted in favor.

Mr. Farber informed the Board about scheduled appearances by the MHSD RV Bus in several parades this Mardi Gras Season.

V. Decision Information

No decision information agenda items were presented

VI. Consent Agenda.

No consent agenda items were presented

VII. Self-evaluation: Board Performance Review

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:25 PM by Mr. Pechon, seconded by Mr. Miller; all in favor, motion passed.