



April 21, 2025

Call to order at 3:23 pm.

**Members present:** Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Quinta Thompson Credeur, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Bambi Polotzola, (St. Landry Parish); and Carla JeanBatiste, Vice-Chair (St. Martin Parish).

**Members absent:** Darce` Byrd, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Elizabeth West, (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish).

**Vacant Seats:** Acadia and Evangeline Parish

**AAHSD staff in attendance:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director, Tynese Breaux, Practice Manager/Project Director, CCBHC, Tammara Smith, Corporate Compliance and Accreditation Officer, and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

**Members of the public present:** Maggie Copeland and Diane Retz from TriWest Group were present via Zoom.

1. Call to order at 3:23 pm.
  - a. Meeting Objective(s):
    - i. Conduct business per the approved agenda calendar
    - ii. Address any new business as needed
2. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call was performed by Carla JeanBatiste, noting that a quorum was present.
4. Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments: The Executive Director introduced Maggie Copeland, and Diane Retz from TriWest Group who were present via Zoom.
5. Consent Agenda items:
  - a. Minutes:
    - March regular board meeting:  
The motion was made by Yasmin Welch and seconded by Carol Broussard, and it was carried unanimously.
  - b. Program Reports:
    - DD numbers were reviewed; BH numbers will be presented when received.
6. Comments from Chair:
  - a. Board advocacy reports: Quinta informed the Board that the Iberia Parish School System is part of the Narcan training. An emergency drill test was given last month. Quinta stated she is on the medical team and passed the emergency test, which included administering Narcan among other criteria, and noted another test will be given in May. Carla spoke with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff last week, noting the parish has dedicated their opioid money to the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Department, announced a coordinator has been hired for the referral based program and a press release will be given in the near future. Quinta also spoke of the recent juvenile deaths in Iberia Parish, and noted she attended a trauma training put on by New York Life.
  - b. Agenda Calendar Items:
    - i. Executive Limit Pol 1.10: Ends Focus of Grants or Contracts (pg 13) -  
Board Vote – accept or not accept Executive Director Report: Brief discussion held. Tynese Breaux gave an update on TIROES (Trauma-informed, Resilience-oriented, Equity-focused Systems). A motion was made by Carol Broussard and seconded by Richard Landry to accept to Executive Director Report and it was carried unanimously. A brief discussion is held regarding the list of contracts shared with the Board via email.

- c. Board vacancies: AAHSD has not received any updates for any potential vacancy replacements.
- d. House Bill 559 discussion and plan of action: The Executive Director gave a brief update, indicating no specific details affecting AAHSD are known.

7. Comments from the Executive Director:

a. **CCBHC update:**

- i. Presentation from TriWest Group – A PowerPoint presentation was given by Diane Retz and Maggie Copeland on the NOMs (National Outcome Measures) for Y3Q2 and the AAHSD Y3Q2 NOMs quarterly summary. Findings are explained. The Executive Director will email the PowerPoint presentation and the quarterly summary to the Board for their records.

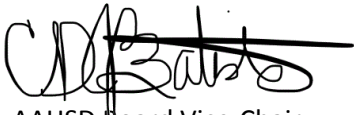
- b. **Same-Day Access:** The program is still performing well, averaging 45-50 assessments per week, and the admittance rate remains at 95% of those who come in for assessment.
- c. **Just in Time update:** The program is going well, and changes are being implemented based on each clinic's needs.
- d. **Legislative update – Senate Finance & House Appropriations meetings:** The Executive Director attended the meetings last week in Baton Rouge. The meetings went well in terms of the LGEs.
- e. **Federal Budget update:** No specific updates are available at this time, noting the state budget has not been reduced.
- f. **Data reports update:** A contract is now in place regarding the Behavioral Health data reports.

The Executive Director shared information regarding the newly appointed LDH Secretary Bruce Greenstein, noting his top four priorities for LDH are: (1) the measles cases recently identified, (2) PBM (Pharmacy Benefits Manager) reform, (3) maternal & child health, particularly, pregnant women and varied post-partum related issues, with the mortality rate related to substance use and depression, and (4) to develop a task force to address Fraud, Waste and Abuse within the state's system.

8. Next Meeting: May 19, 2025

9. Adjournment: Carol Broussard made the motion to adjourn, Bambi Polotzola seconded, which was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Submitted by:



Carla Jean Batiste, AAHSD Board Vice-Chair