



# ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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## AAHSD Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2023

Meeting held at 302 Dulles Dr. Lafayette, LA. 70506. Auditorium #4.

**Members Present:** Elizabeth West, Chair (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish); Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); and Darce' Byrd (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish).

**Members Absent:** Carla JeanBatiste, Secretary (St. Martin Parish); Quinta Thompson, Vice-Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); and Sydia Robin (Evangeline Parish).

**Others in Attendance:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Jennifer Stelly, HR Director, and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

A quorum was present and Board Chair, Elizabeth West, called the meeting to order at 3:21 pm.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chair, Elizabeth West, and recited by attendees.
- Roll call performed
- Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments
  - No members of the public are present.
- Notice of the meeting was posted and a copy of the Open Meetings Law was available.
- Consent Agenda Items
  - Minutes – May 15, 2023.  
There are no June meeting minutes (June meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum).
  - Program reports
    - A motion is made by Carol Broussard and seconded by Richard Landry to approve and accept the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.
- Comments from the Chair
  - Board Advocacy Reports: None
  - Agenda calendar item:
    - i. Board – ED Linkage – Monitoring of Executive Director (Pol 3.5) –
      - No comments.
    - ii. Board Business – 23-24 Agenda Calendar (Board vote to adopt or revise) –
      - A motion is made by Yasmin Welch and seconded by Micah Moscovis to adopt and accept the 2023 - 2024 Agenda Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **Executive Limit – Global Executive Constraints (Pol 1.1) –**
    - **Board vote – accept or not accept Executive Director Report. A motion is made by Darce’ Byrd and seconded by Micah Moscovis to accept the Executive Director report. Motion carried unanimously.**
  - iv. **Governance Process – Global Governance Commitment (Pol 2.1)**
    - **No comments.**
  - v. **Board-ED Linkage – Global Linkage (Pol 3.1)**
    - **No comments.**
- **Comments from the Executive Director:**
    - **Legislative session: ED notes there are no major changes for AAHSD. Special sessions starts 7/18/2023 regarding vetoes. ED noted from previous legislative session of the creation for a new Office for Women’s Health and Community Health and will be visiting different parts of the state, including a visit to the Lafayette area on or about 7/25/2023 at the downtown convention center. AAHSD will attend in support of the program and will make a brief presentation of behavioral health that would impact women’s healthcare. John Stefanski mentioned the Legislative Auditor’s office created a position for an independent person to serve as an Ombudsman regarding services for children and children’s welfare throughout the State of Louisiana.**
    - **Addiction project CEA update: ED discussed the updates on the project and informs the Board that the records previously requested have been submitted to the requesting parties. It is reported that as of July 1, 2023, AAHSD is no longer affiliated with the Addiction project, and the entire funding has been removed from AAHSD’s budget. This topic will most likely be removed from the agenda after next month’s meeting. ED updated the Board on the Woodlake contract.**
    - **Annual Management Report: The Board members review the draft Annual Management Report provided. ED noted minor format revisions, including the CCBHC grant, as well as grant funding from SAMHSA having been awarded to AAHSD for the Same Day Access model, which was a competitive process, noting AAHSD is among one of thirty organizations selected to receive MTM Services for this program. Discussed the Gap analysis. Noted AAHSD’s fourth survey by CARF and its favorable outcome. Comments were made regarding other ongoing project updates. ED heard comments from Richard Landry as to Act 73.**
    - **LBHU discussion - AAHSD understands that Ochsner Lafayette General Behavioral Health Unit will not be moving at this time, however, if/when, they do move, that part of the building will revert to AAHSD.**
    - **CCBHC update – Updates given by the ED. Progress is going well and is on schedule. Posted available positions (SW, PLPC, LMSW, and LPNs). AAHSD is submitting data, and has received funding. Discusses the certification process. Discussions held regarding the number of prescribers throughout all clinics in the AAHSD district.**

- **Executive Director Performance Evaluation**
  - **Executive Session – Board discussion –**
    - **4:17 pm - A motion is made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Richard Landry to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director Performance Evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.**  
**The ED, HR Director and Administrative Assistant remove themselves from the conference room.**
  - **Open Meeting, Board review and vote as to Executive Director Performance –**
    - **4:38 pm - The ED, HR Director and Administrative Assistant return to the conference room. Elizabeth West, Board Chair, shares comments regarding the Board’s discussion as to the ED’s performance evaluation.**
    - **A motion is made by John Stefanski and seconded by Micah Moscovis to retain Brad Farmer as Executive Director for AAHSD and awards him a 3% raise in income. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023 at 3:15 pm. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.**
- **Motion to adjourn is made by Yasmin Welch, and seconded by John Stefanski. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.**

Submitted by: 

**Carla Jean Batiste, AAHSD Board Secretary**