



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2022

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

Members Present: Elizabeth West (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Quinta Thompson (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); David Merrill (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); and Carla Jean Batiste (St. Martin Parish).

Members Absent: Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Mitch Pellerin (St. Martin Parish); and John Stefanski (Acadia Parish).

Others in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Tosha Latiolais, Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Stelly, Director of Human Resource; Tammara Smith, CCO; Daniel Leger, CFO; Troy Abshire, Director of Developmental Disabilities; Yancey Mire, Director of Behavioral Health Services; Tynese Breaux, Tyler Behavioral Health Clinic Manager; Kay Irby, Board Trainer

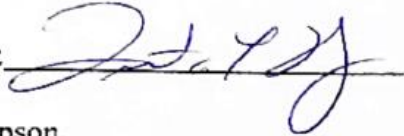
A quorum was present and the meeting called to order at 3:24 pm by Janise Hardy.

- Notice of the meeting was posted and copy of Open Meeting Law was available. No member of the public present.
- A motion made by Elizabeth West and seconded by Carol Broussard to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from the Chair:
 - Topic 1 Board advocacy reports
 - Janise Hardy gave an accommodation to Troy Abshire on how diligent his staff is working to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to get them into the school system to enable them to graduate.
 - Janise Hardy shared information about her trip to Crowley with a family. Discussed how polite the staff was to her and how well they treated the family with respect. Janise Hardy also noted how pleased she was to see the help AAHSD provides to children who struggle with mental health concerns.

- Topic 2 Board Membership-Bylaw, Article III
 - Janise Hardy reviewed Board Member attendance policy and the requirements for members to maintain active status on the Board. The Board of Directors recently had a member whose appointment expired and they were unable to reach him to advise so the Board will be reaching out to the appointing Parish for a new appointee.
- Topic 3 Board Business-vote for officers for 2022
 - Board Members voted on Officer Slates from the November. Elizabeth West for Chair, Janise Hardy for Vice Chair, and Quinta Thompson as Secretary.
- A motion made by Carol Broussard and seconded by Yasmin Welch to accept the Slate of Officers. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from Executive Director:
 - Topic 1 Board Business- Status Update on AAHSD Strategic Plan & Selected Initiatives.
 - Brad Farmer reviewed the OBH monitoring reports results with members. Brad Farmer discussed the status update on the AAHSD Strategic Plan and Selected Initiatives as well as the plan efforts and special projects that AAHSD participates in.
 - Topic 2 Audit CAP review
 - Audit CAP review numbers and percentages were reviewed and given to AAHSD. The next audit projected to start sometime this summer.
 - Topic 3 Legislative Session
 - Legislative Session starts March 14 and runs through June 6. AAHSD will be attending the House Appropriations Committee on March 16.
 - Topic 4 Accreditation survey update
 - The application for the Accreditation survey submitted approved. We were tentatively scheduled to be approved between April or May. There is a current backlog and should be approved by May or June.
 - Topic 5 CBHC update
 - AAHSD currently working on a grant through SAMHSA to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. The funding was supposed to release December 31 with an application due March 1 and services to begin July 1. Due to changes with Federal Funding, it is on hold.
 - Topic 6 Website update
 - AAHSD made updates on the website and would like to add pictures and bios of the Board of Directors. We will advise Board Members when those pictures and bios will be collected.

- Conference travel- Board Discussion
 - A discussion held with members regarding a CARF conference that Brad Farmer will attend end of April.
- Next meeting to be conducted March 21. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.
- Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth West and seconded by David Merrill. Meeting adjourned 4:19 pm.

Submitted by:



Quinta Thompson,
AAHSD Board Secretary