



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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AAHSD Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 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); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Carla JeanBatiste, Secretary (St. Martin Parish); Quinta Thompson, Vice-Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); and Sydia Robin (Evangeline Parish).

Members Absent: Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); and Darce Byrd (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish).

Others in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director, and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

A quorum was present and Board Chair, Elizabeth West, called the meeting to order at 3:27 pm.

- The Pledge of Allegiance is led by Board Chair, Elizabeth West, and recited by attendees.
- Roll call performed by Carla JeanBatiste, Secretary.
 - Introduction of new Board member Sydia Robin (Evangeline Parish).
- Board Chair moved to add an agenda item under Comments from ED regarding the HSIC Annual Meeting. A motion made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to accept to add the agenda item. Motion carried unanimously.
- Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments
 - Micah Moscovis, Board member (St. Landry Parish), announced his resignation from the Board effective today, August 21, 2023 due to health reasons.
 - Bambi Polotzola, member of the public, noted she is being considered for appointment to the Board of Directors to represent St. Landry Parish.
- Notice of the meeting was posted and a copy of the Open Meetings Law is available.
- Consent Agenda Items
 - Minutes – July 17, 2023 – Regular Board meeting.
 - Program reports:
 - A motion is made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Quinta Thompson to approve and accept the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Comments from the Chair
 - Board Advocacy Reports:
 - Yasmin Welch reported of a donation of baby furniture and other baby items to Meredith's Place;
 - Carla JeanBatiste reported discussions held with St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office of different options or programs that could be implemented or developed with the opioid settlement money to be received by St. Martin Parish, and that they are starting the process of discussing their options.
 - Micah Moscovis asked for an update on the DD evaluations. Update given by ED as received by DD.
 - Sydia Robin reported meeting with DD services and parents (Special Needs Parents Advocacy), noting the presentation made by Troy Abshire, DD Director was very informative and their plans of possibly meet quarterly.
 - Agenda calendar item:
 - Executive limits Pol 1.2: Treatment of Consumers (pg. 5)
 - ❖ Board vote – accept or not accept Executive Director Report.
 - ♦ A motion is made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to accept the Executive Director report. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Governance Process – Pol. 2.2: Governance Style (pg. 15) - no comments
 - Board-ED Linkage – Global Linkage (Pol 3.2): Unity of Control (pg. 23) - No comments.
 - Report from the Bylaws Committee:
 - Board vote – accept or not accept committee recommendation
 - ❖ A motion is made by Richard Landry and seconded by Micah Moscovis to accept the committee recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.
- Comments from the Executive Director:
 - CCBHC update: Updates given by the ED. Discussed the meeting with the GPO (Grant Project Officer). In the process of hiring staff for CCBHC. Developing DCO (Designated Collaborative Organization) agreements. Will turn in a self-attestation by end of September. Progress is going well and AAHSD is meeting the criteria for the project.
 - Same Day Access update: Explained the SDA program funded by SAMHSA. AAHSD was awarded a grant for this program. The Gap Analysis is completed. Discussed meetings of the Rapid Cycle Change Team. Planning to implement the program April 2024. Expanded days and hours are being discussed and are consulting with MTM Services.

- Legislative presentation: ED notes he, along with LDH/OBH, will be attending and making a presentation at the Subcommittee on Mental Health of House Committee on Health & Welfare meeting in Baton Rouge on 8/24/2023.
 - OBH statewide crisis meetings: A schedule of the LDH Crisis Regional Tour 2023 is provided to the Board. Meeting scheduled for Lafayette 8/22/2023.
 - Open Meetings Law revision – SB 201/Act 393: A discussion is held on the changes in the Open Meetings Law and ED will keep the Board updated.
 - HSIC Annual Meeting: ED informed the Board that the ten (10) LGE Board Chairs and/or their designees shall be in attendance at the LDH meeting in October or November 2023 to facilitate fostering and exchange of the best practices to ensure each district is maximizing its services. Each Board Chair and/or their designee shall give a presentation of the status of services in their district, asks how the Board will benefit from this meeting, and what information would the Board like presented. Suggestions from the Board members were Board development, advocate for their community, most & least successful practices and policy review. These suggestions will be relayed to LDH.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023 at 3:15 pm. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.
 - Motion to adjourn is made by Micah Moscovis, and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Submitted by: _____



Carla JeanBatiste, AAHSD Board Secretary