



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2021

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

Members Present: John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); Elizabeth West (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Quinta Thompson (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Carla JeanBatiste (St. Martin Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); and David Merrill (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish)

Members Absent: Mitch Pellerin (Evangeline Parish)

Others in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Tosha Latiolais, Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Stelly, Director of Human Resource; Yancey Mire, Director of Behavioral Health Services and Troy Abshire, Director of Developmental Disabilities; Tammara Smith, CCO; Kay Irby, Board Trainer; Tynese Breaux, Tyler Behavior Health Clinic Manager; Karen Wyble, LGMC, Patrick Sciambra, LSU Intern; and Brianna Champagne, LSU Intern.

1. A quorum was present and the meeting called to order 3:20 p.m. by Janise Hardy.
2. Notice of the meeting posted and copy of Open Meeting Law was available. Four audience members of the public were present.
3. A motion made by Yasmin Welch and seconded by Carol Broussard to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Topic 1 Introduction of the new Board Member Ms. Carla JeanBatiste
 - Topic 2 Governance Process: Cost of Governance (Policy 2.8)
4. Recognition of Members of the Public: Welcomed Karen Wyble from LGMC; Kay Irby, Board Developmental Instructor; Patrick Sciambra, LSU Intern; and Brianna Champagne, LSU Intern.
5. Public Comments/Input: No comments from the public given.
6. Comments from the Chair:
 - Topic 1 Board Advocacy Reports
 - Yasmin Welch advised she has received excellent reports from the providers who work with children in our service area. There has been a lot of improvement in services provided. Thanked AAHSD for the great job they are doing.

- Topic 2 Board Development
 - Janise Hardy thanked Kay Irby for being at the meetings and providing training to the members during the meetings.
 - Kay Irby conducted Board Development training with the members. She reviewed information from the previous meeting for those who were not present.
- 7. A motion made by Quinta Thompson and seconded David Merrill to move Board Training to the end of the meetings after the Executive Director's comments are given and the meeting adjourned. Motion passed with eight yea. Janise Hardy abstained from casting a vote as she creates the meeting agendas.
- 8. Comments from the Executive Director:
 - Topic 1: Critical incident update
 - Mr. Farmer updated the Board of a critical incident that involved a person who previously received services with AAHSD.
 - Topic 2: Executive Succession Plan Overview
 - Mr. Farmer clarified that the Board is not required to follow this exact plan. The plan is a suggestive plan in the event that something happened to the Executive Director; the Board would have a suggestive plan to follow.
 - Topic 3: Shelter Coverage
 - Chicot Shelter is still open and we are actively involved on call there as well as other shelters that have opened around the state.
- 9. Next meeting scheduled on October 18, 2021. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.
- 10. Motion to adjourn by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Elizabeth West. Meeting adjourned 5:19 pm.

Submitted by:



Quinta Thompson,
AAHAD Secretary