



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes January 25, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom teleconference/call pursuant to Louisiana Governor Edwards' Executive Order JBE-2020-30

Members Present: Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); 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); Winford Amos (St. Martin Parish).

Members Absent: 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

- A quorum was present and the meeting called to order 3:21pm 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 was made by Carol Broussard and seconded by David Merrill to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from Executive Director:
 - COVID update
 - AAHSD is working with Lafayette Consolidate Government on several task force committees regarding mental health and behavioral issues related to COVID.
 - Chicot State Park is still up and running as an active shelter. AAHSD has staff scheduled through February and March.
 - AAHSD is utilizing our internal pharmacy vendor to provide vaccines for staff members. We expect to vaccinate approximately 50% of staff.
 - Children/Adolescent service
 - Staff members are involved in PPT/YPT (preschool PTSD and youth PTSD) training. This is a 12 session cognitive-behavioral therapy utilized in treatment of PTSD and trauma-related symptoms for those aged 3-18.

- Staff will also register for TF/CBT (trauma-focused cognitive-behavioral therapy) training. This will be utilized for youth dealing with PTSD and mood disorders resulting from abuse, violence, or grief.
 - Budget update
 - Overview of current state budget review specific to reduction in state general funds. Board members inquired as to specific service areas and programs that may be impacted by potential reductions. Executive Director discussed priorities and other potential means of financing to reduce impacts.
 - Comments from the Chair:
 - Presented the 2021 Board meeting schedule.
 - A motion was made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Elizabeth West. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Elizabeth West asked for specific program stats/progress related to suicide prevention grant for Evangeline Parish. There was a discussion of the Zero Suicide Grant and the two LaPFS grants. Information was provided as to the target audiences and program deliverables of these grants.
 - Statistical information will be sent.
 - The Board briefly discussed the COVID vaccine and how AAHSD may be involved in this.
 - Janise Hardy discussed a previous concern with AAHSD services and vocal criticisms that were presented to the Board, leading the Board to take action. Since that time she has discovered that some of this criticism was based on misinformation and many other providers in the state struggle with similar issues. Janise commended the children's department for streamlining their referral and admission process. Elizabeth West concurred.
 - Micah Moscovis also listed kudos for improvement in the phone system and customer service related to a recent inquiry.
 - Next meeting to be conducted February 15 and this will be a face-to-face meeting. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.
 - Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth West and seconded by Carol Broussard. Meeting adjourned 4:44pm.

Submitted by: _____

Quinta Thompson,
AAHSD Board Secretary

Janise B Hardy
Quinta Thompson