

Capital Area Human Services District Board Meeting
November 6, 2023
1:00 PM

Directors Present: Virginia Pearson, Chair; Chalonda Hollins, Vice Chair; Laverne Aguillard; Stephanie Ferguson, Gerri Hobdy; James Jefferson; Rikki Permenter, PhD; Courtney Phillips, PhD; Genny Nadler Thomas; Tamika Westbrook; and Mary Winfield

Directors Absent: Kathy D’Albor; Toddie Milstead; and Edward Songy, Jr.

CAHSD Staff: Janzlean Laughinghouse, PhD, LCSW-BACS, LAC, CCS; Shaketha Carter; and Karen Bray

Guests: Angela deGravelles; LaShuntae Burrell (Intern CH); and Rusty Jabour

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON		FOLLOW-UP
Approval of the November 6, 2023 Consent Agenda and Approval of the October 2, 2023 Minutes	Ms. V. Pearson	<p>Ms. V. Pearson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 PM. A quorum was present.</p> <p>Ms. V. Pearson thanked the Board members present for attending and welcomed new Board member, Stephanie Ferguson, from West Feliciana.</p> <p>Dr. C. Phillips made a motion to approve the November 6, 2023, Consent Agenda and the minutes of October 2, 2023. Dr. R. Permenter seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. G. Thomas made a motion to move the action items below from the Report from Chairman Section to the Consent Agenda and approve all as is with no changes. Ms. C. Hollins seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Global Executive Constraint (and Escrow Report) ○ Communication With and Support to the Board ○ Monitoring Exec. Director Performance 	<p>There were no objections and the motions passed.</p> <p>There were no objections and the motion passed.</p>
Public Comment	Ms. V. Pearson	Ms. V. Pearson read the public comment section from the meeting agenda. There were no public comments.	There were no public comments.

Communications	Dr. Laughinghouse	<p>Communications: Dr. Laughinghouse reported on the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Two Chairs” visits Greenbrier Elementary - The purpose of the visit was to discuss the benefits of school based therapy for children. ➤ “Out of the Darkness Greater Baton Rouge Walk,” – CAHSD Prevention and Addiction Recovery Services divisions attended the event held at Pennington Biomedical on October 7. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website, the “Out of the Darkness Community Walk” is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It’s held to unite communities and provide opportunities to acknowledge the ways that suicide and mental health conditions affect individuals, families, and other loved ones. ➤ I CARE Prevention Day at Scotlandville High – CAHSD joined other support agencies to provide interactive activities and giveaways while providing information about teen suicide prevention and the harmful effects of vaping and bullying. Over 500 attended the event. ➤ CAHSD has a new TV commercial about CAHSD’s school based and children’s services. The commercial was played for the Board members during the meeting. It aired through October 2023 on BRProud’s TV stations that include NBC-33 and FOX-44. It will continue to air periodically on television and social media. 	
EMT Leadership Update	Dr. Laughinghouse	<p>Dr. Laughinghouse reported the following information on EMT Leadership vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DD Director – CAHSD recently hired a previous DD employee, Shenitha Smith, MSW, as the new director. She has 14 years of experience working in the DD department. ➤ Prevention Director – Position is open and interviews are in process. ➤ IT Director –Position is open and the interview process will begin soon. 	

Open Meetings Law Update	Dr. Laughinghouse	Dr. Laughinghouse reported that she has been in discussion with the CAHSD attorney. She does not have an update to officially report at this time but may receive information in about a week. There was discussion regarding people with recognized disabilities being allowed to vote by video.	
Health Fair Hosted by CAHSD	Dr. Laughinghouse	<p>CAHSD held a Community Health Fair on November 4, from 9 AM to noon, at its Baton Rouge Behavioral Health location on Wooddale Blvd. in Baton Rouge. More than 23 vendors and sponsors joined forces to help the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information was provided about mental health and substance abuse treatment, and resources such as free diapers, free food boxes, and free opioid overdose reversal kits were distributed to attendees. ➤ Additional free services included blood pressure and glucose checks, as well as opportunities to receive COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. Licensed mental health professionals were also available to provide screening and brief interventions for anxiety, depression, and problem gambling. 	
CAHSD Annual Training Conference Reminder	Dr. Laughinghouse	Dr. Laughinghouse reminded the board members to mark their calendars for the CAHSD Annual Training Conference on Thursday, May 9, 2024.	
Self-Generated Revenue (SGR) August – September FY 2024	Dr. Laughinghouse	A brief overview of the Self-Generated Revenue (SGR) for August – September FY 2024 was provided.	
Board Membership Update	Dr. Laughinghouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAHSD Board vacancies by parish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EBR – 1 (nominees have been submitted for consideration) ➤ PC – 1 ➤ WF – 1 <p>Board members reviewed the Confidentiality Statement and the Voluntary Self-Identification Form for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC).</p>	

Report from Chairman			
Governance Policy Review by Direct Inspection/Board Business			
Governance Policy Review by Direct Inspection	Ms. V. Pearson	<p>Board members reviewed the following policies/reports action items included in the Board meeting policy packet. All were moved into the November 6, 2023 Consent Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Global Executive Constraint (Escrow Report) ➤ Communication With and Support to the Board ➤ Monitoring Exec. Dir. Performance (Comments Solicited-Supporting Reports to be distributed in Dec/Jan as a package) • Board Committee Principles (Compliance) – Ms. G. Thomas stated CAHSD is compliant with this policy and made a motion to keep the policy as written. Ms. C. Hollins seconded the motion. 	<p>The policies and reports Direct Inspection action items were moved into the November 6, 2023, Consent Agenda.</p> <p>There were no objections and the motion passed.</p>
AG Opinion Request Update	Dr. Laughinghouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Laughinghouse said she has been in discussion with the CAHSD attorney re: the status of the AG Opinion Request. To date, there have been no changes to the law re Board member terms/continued service after term expiration. 	
Board Member Self-Evaluation Report	Ms. V. Pearson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion regarding the Board Member Self-Evaluation Report and the value to the Board overall for them to do the self-evaluation. 	
Holiday Social Discussion	Dr. Laughinghouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was brief discussion of the annual 2023 Holiday Social re date/time/location. The social will be held prior to the next Board meeting on December 4, 2023. The location will be determined based on research. Attendees are responsible for the cost of their meal/beverage. 	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	Ms. V. Pearson	<p>The next Board meeting is on December 4, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Meeting location is Capital Area Human Services, 7389 Florida Blvd., Suite 100A, Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting adjourned.</p>	<p>There were no objections and the motions passed.</p>