

Northeast Delta Human Service Authority Governing Board Meeting

MINUTES

October 11, 2011

Office of Public Health (Community Room), Monroe, Louisiana

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Russell Semon, DHH Liaison at 6:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Present: Melba Sandifer, Rose Kline, Damion Cummins, Gene Tarver, Ken Snyder, Windy Calahan, Ruth Osborne

Absent: Amanda Norris, Charlie Tremble, Teri Spence, Cecil Watts, Lorraine Reed, Lakeisha Powell, Jackie Shauf

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Previous Meeting)

4. Executive Director Report (N/A)

5. Public Comment

6. Topics of Discussion from Agenda

a. Russell Semon opened the meeting with a review of the difficulties the board is experiencing in trying to get confirmations of board members from 3 parishes including Ouachita, Lincoln and Union.

b. General discussion followed numerous questions that mainly focused on (a) what was delaying the confirmations in the aforementioned parishes? (b) what will happen to the development of the NEDHSA if these low functioning of the various jurors continue?

* R. Semon stated they (Mark DeBord and he) have made significant attempts to address these parish jurors' questions, concerns and oppositions to their current nominations.

* Final discussion centered on establishing a time frame to hold volunteers in limbo by until such time as all avenues of addressing the filling of Board positions had been exhausted or or the volunteers would resign so that the jurors could appoint who they presently want to serve. The concerns the various jurors have mentioned seem to have no valid or reasonable point to hold the progress of the board as they have, to date, been reportedly "satisfactorily" addressed.

c. Cecil Watts (Richland Parish) submitted his resignation letter via U.S. Mail.

d. R. Semon stated that as the Board continues to update documents, we should be careful to keep updated documents separate from the old and consider discarding the older versions to avoid confusion.

e. We reviewed the Goals of the Human Services Authority-p.29 R. Semon reviewed Management, Fiscal, Crisis Response sections. The Board will need to consider these goals as we hear from the Administrators regarding the scope of services within the Region.

* R. Semon stated we will have Mark DeBord and Deanne Groves address the Board in our next meeting to provide information regarding the scope of services within the Region and help the Board to better understand the intent and scope of the Goals p.29.

f. Discussed the Readiness Assessment and timelines anticipated. Phases 1,2,3 were discussed and an estimated amount of time was given to complete them with what would be major objectives to complete in each phase. *The entire process should be complete no later than FY 2014.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm

Next meeting, same location, Tuesday, November 8 @ 6:00pm.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

R. Osborne, Acting Secretary