

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

March 8, 2022

NEDHSA Offices, Video Conference Room, 2513 Ferrand Street, Monroe, LA. 71201

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Mike Shipp and prayer was led by Mike Shipp and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of February 8: A Motion was made by Rev. Shawn Hornsby and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Cynthia Mathes, Mike Shipp, Rev. Shawn Hornsby, Latanya Whiteside and Yvonne Lewis

Board Absent: Thelma Merrells

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer and Delores Harris

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

Northeast Delta will host its annual Youth Summit on March 25, 2022. It will be virtual, and be aired on agency social media platforms from 9 AM to 11 AM. Anyone can register for this free event at youthsummit2022.eventbrite.com. We are expecting a huge turnout.

Northeast Delta's Prevention and Wellness team held two press conferences, one in Jonesboro and the other in Richwood to highlight agency opioid mitigation measures and place prescription drug take back boxes. This was done in partnership with Jonesboro's Police Chief and the Mayor of Richwood and staff.

There was a Narcan training done with the Union Parish Sheriff's Office and the Union Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The training was about the dangers of opioid related misuse, abuse, and death.

Northeast Delta hosted two virtual Rise Above Stigma town halls with Jackson and Madison Parishes residents. Future town halls will be scheduled and publicized in Union, Richland, and East Carroll Parishes. Our commissioned mural that depicts stigma-related scenes was displayed prominently on ULM's campus for two weeks. The display was also at the Northeast Louisiana African American Museum. The mural is currently on display at the Union Parish Museum of History and Art.

We are also bringing back our regional psychodrama to highlight and destigmatize mental illness and addiction. The theatrical play, Alky, will occur in May for two showings, and it will be shown at ULM's campus theater free of charge. More details to come.

We continue to participate in many social media campaigns, including suicide prevention and various addiction ones. We have also started a massive Rise Above Stigma digital public awareness campaign about stigma and our programs and services. This digital campaign includes Google, website, news banners, various social media outlets, etc.

We made public our independently evaluated six-month Rise Above Stigma results. We are making excellent progress with this unprecedented anti-stigma campaign. There will be a virtual discussion about the report on March 10, 2022 via our live Facebook program entitled Transformation Thursday. The event will begin at noon.

Dr. Sizer continues to share with staff that he expects that Northeast Delta will be fully integrated programmatically and across all departments by July 1, 2022. To date, all fiscal policies and procedures, analytics, HR, technology, and facilities are being aligned to support this agency objective. This objective is consistent with the Board-approved agency strategic plan. Being fully integrated will also allow Northeast Delta to be more efficient, effective, 2 and outcomes-driven. We will see more significant innovations and larger population health improvements in Northeast Louisiana when this happens, and we will also be the first LGE to accomplish this

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal report a Motion made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by LaTanya Whiteside to approve / accept as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Planning & Budgeting/Financial Condition and Activities – *With respect to the actual, ongoing financial condition and activities, the ED shall not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from board priorities established in Ends policies.*

NEDHSA's FY22 appropriated budget is \$15, 516,455. Our SGF = \$10,578,707. Our IAT = \$5,007,753. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board –

- Board Committee Principles (Governance Manual page 7-8)
- Board Member Self-Evaluation (Governance Manual pp 3-4)
- NEDHSA Board members was given a Board Annual Evaluation Form to complete and return to Mr. Shipp to compile together and see if any changes is needed in the Governance process (pp 3-4)

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach
- Travel Forms due MONTHLY
- Public official Ethics Training - due by May 15 (page 32)
- Personal financial disclosure – due by May 15 (page 32)

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Next Meeting – April 12, 2022 - 5:30 pm

NEDHSA Administrative Office

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