

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 24, 2011
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday, June 24, 2011 at the Chartres Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center. Dr. Pam Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:48 pm.

In addition to Dr. Jenkins, Board members in attendance were: Gwendolyn H. Richardson, Polly Campbell, Clare Jupiter, Dr. Don Erwin, Dr. Joe Constans and Dr. Ben Springgate.

Board members absent were: Dr. Cheryll Bowers-Stephens and Robin Pannagl.

Staff members present were: Judge Calvin Johnson, Dr. Craig Coenson, Dr. Charlotte Cunliffe, Tony Laurent, Candace Morgan, Margaret Cruz, Cathy Storm, Donna Francis, Meghan Ferris and Sally Hays.

Will Taylor attended as a guest.

Approval of Minutes: The May 25, 2011 minutes were amended to reflect Dr. Joe Constans in attendance as a guest (Attached). Ms. Jupiter moved approval of the May 25, 2011 minutes as amended. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report: Dr. Jenkins introduced herself and provided some information on her background. She then requested that the Board members and staff who were present do the same. Will Taylor introduced himself as a communications contractor currently providing public information services on behalf of MHSD. Dr. Jenkins noted her attendance at recent public meetings, and that MHSD had received positive feedback during the meetings.

Executive Director's Report: Judge Johnson stated that the last MHSD clinic that had been operating out of a trailer is now in a permanent location. He also provided an update regarding funding for MHSD, noting that although funding had been added back into the budget, MHSD must still operate in a declining budget reality. He mentioned MHSD's transition to an electronic medical records (EMR) system, which led to a discussion by the Board about the EMR system and the implementation timeline.

Discussion on Executive Limitations Policies and Board/Executive Director Linkages

Policies: Ms. Hays presented the draft Board/Executive Director Linkages policies that had been previously distributed. The Board discussed the policies, but final adoption was postponed pending further review.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2011 at the Chartres- Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center.

Invitation for Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Attachments are available upon written request.