



**Metropolitan Human Services District
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 12, 2025 | 10 AM**

3100 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70114

MHSD fulfills its statutory role as the planning body for the behavioral health, addiction and intellectual/developmental disability services for the residents of Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes by ensuring that eligible residents in these parishes have access to person centered and recovery focused supports designed to optimize their role in the community.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM by Chair Dr. Brian Turner and it was determined that a Quorum was present.

II. Attendance

- A. The quorum present consisted of Dr. Brian L. Turner, Leslie Ragas Prest, Denise S. Dugas, Robert W. Kimbro, Stuart A Simon, Charles D. Jackson, Gerard Woodrich and Matthew Woodward.
- B. Absent from the meeting were, Taslim van Hattum.
- C. Other individuals in attendance were Dr. Rochelle Head Dunham, MHSD Executive Director and Medical Director; Steven Farber, MHSD Deputy Director of Administration and General Counsel, Traci Brown, MHSD Chief Fiscal Officer; Dr. Kashunda Williams, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health and Data; and Ry'Shanique Singleton, MHSD Interim Executive Staff Officer.

III. Approval of October 22, 2025 Minutes

Minutes from the October 22, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion of Mr. Stuart Simon, seconded by Ms. Leslie Prest, all voted in favor.

IV. Monitoring Reports

A. Monthly Dashboard & Utilization Reports:

Dr. Dunham presented the dashboard report and discussed the potential removal of satisfaction survey responses. She also noted upcoming revisions to the opioid treatment section and updates to reflect that MHSD is no longer under contract with RHD. Dr. Turner recommended conducting the satisfaction survey annually. Dr. Dunham proposed developing two separate dashboards- one for the Board and one for other audiences- while Dr. Turner stated that a single dashboard would be sufficient. He also requested additional information highlighting MHSD's innovative programs.

Ms. Dugas requested the inclusion of hospital show rates to better assess strategies for preventing readmissions, suggesting this data be incorporated in the Show Rate section.

Dr. Williams provided an overview of the Navigators' daily roles and responsibilities. MHSD is currently evaluating strategies to address and improve ER show rates.

B. Monthly Services by FY

The board reviewed this item; no discussion was held.

C. Fiscal Report as of October 31, 2025

The board reviewed this item; no discussion was held.

D. Reports:

1. Biannual HR Turnover/Retention Report
2. Compliance: [FY26 1Q Incident Report](#)
3. Annual Report on Facilities & Best Practices for FY25

All monthly reports were approved by motion of Ms. Prest, seconded by Mr. Simon, all voted in favor.

V. Discussion of New Board Member Applications

Dr. Dunham reported the status of Mr. Reginald Vicks Board appointment in Orleans Parish, advising that approval from the City Council remains pending. She further noted that the two additional Board applications are currently on hold due to the administrative transition under Mayor Helena Moreno.

VI. Consent Agenda.

No consent agenda items were presented.

VII. Self-evaluation: Board Performance Review

- Review of Bylaws

Mr. Farber will distribute self-assessments via email to board members.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:19 AM by motion of Dr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Simon; all in favor, motion passed.