

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 31, 2014
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at the District office. The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am.

Board members in attendance were: Polly Campbell, Dr. Joe Constans, Robin Pannagl, Dr. Emily Clark, and Charlotte Parent. Board members not in attendance were: Dr. Petrice Sams-Abiodun.

Staff members present were: Yolanda Webb, Dr. Charlotte Cunliffe, Dr. Katherine Smith, Meghan Ferris, Traci Brown, Kanna Page, Melanie Williams, Paulanner Mack, Denise Oguinn and Sally Hays.

Election of Officers: A slate of officers with Polly Campbell as Chair, Dr. Joe Constans as Vice Chair, and Dr. Patrice Sams-Abiodun as Secretary was presented to serve from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Pannagl moved election of the slate of officers, Ms. Parent seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Constans moved approval of the May 23, 2014 minutes (attachment 1). Ms. Parent seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report: Ms. Campbell provided an update regarding the recently purchased property located in St. Bernard parish. She also shared that Joe Giarrusso III resigned from the Board effective June 26th.

Executive Director's Report: Ms. Webb reported on her work over the last several months. An informational handout regarding frequently asked questions about MHSD was provided. Ms. Webb mentioned that MHSD is considering revising its public website. She also gave a status update on the new Algiers facility. Ms. Webb then had staff members introduce themselves to the Board and provide a brief explanation of their department's responsibilities.

CFO's Report: Dr. Cunliffe presented a report on recent activities related to fiscal matters including information related to MHSD's fiscal spin-off from DHH. She also mentioned that the bank handling MHSD's account plans to do a presentation for Board members at an upcoming Board meeting. Dr. Cunliffe requested Board approval of increases to two previously approved Bridge House contracts for residential services with amounts over \$300,000. Ms. Webb affirmed that due diligence was performed for each of these contracts. Dr. Clark moved approval of the amendments to the contracts as presented. Ms. Parent seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Parish Reports: Ms. Parent shared that a hospital in New Orleans East recently opened. Ms. Pannagl mentioned that there were two situations with Plaquemines parish residents that were positively resolved with MHSD assistance and support.

Other Business: Ms. Webb stated that additional Board members were close to final approval.

Board members then discussed Ms. Pannagl's term and decided to extend her Board membership until November 31, 2014, or until her replacement is appointed, whichever occurs first. Ms. Parent moved approval of Ms. Pannagl's term extension, Dr. Clark seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.