

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 18, 2016
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held Friday, November 18, 2016, at the District Office, located at 3100 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114. The meeting was called to order at 1:27 PM. Roll was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Board members in attendance were: Cathy Lazarus, Gary Mendoza, Michael Pechon, Sarintha Stricklin, and Sylvie Tran. Absent members were: Joe Constans and Charlotte Parent.

Other individuals present were: MHSD - Rochelle Head-Dunham, MD, Executive Director/Medical Director; Steven J. Farber, Deputy Director of Administration/General Counsel; Krystal Griffin-Casson, Human Resource Director; Shana Marcelin, Accounting Supervisor; Amanda Kay Henderson, Staff Attorney; Dr. Kashunda Williams, Director of Quality; Geraldine Turner-Warren, Director of Child's Services; Desiree Packard, Children Services.

Call to Order by Board Chair Gary Mendoza and Introduction

Meeting is called to order at 1:27 PM. No new members were present and no introductions were needed.

Motion to Approve the October 28, 2016, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Cathy Lazarus, and seconded by Gary Mendoza, all members approved by vote.

Chair's Report

a. Discussion of Judge Calvin Johnson's request regarding past retirement agreement

Judge Calvin Johnson, former MHSD Executive Director, requested that MHSD pay the remainder of his LASERS' funds that was owed by MHSD from the time Judge Johnson was Executive Director at MSHD. Board member Gary Mendoza suggested that, as a matter of fairness and equity, MHSD should pay the amount due, however, he would defer to the opinion of LASERS as to the legality. Board Member Sylvia Tran moved to defer the decision to the next Board meeting until an opinion could be retained from LASERS. The motion was seconded by Michael Pechon. The board all voted in favor to defer the matter to the next meeting. HR Director, Krystal Casson informed the Board that LASERS is researching the issue and should have their opinion by the next Board meeting in December.

Budget

Shana Marcelin, Accounting Supervisor MHSD, reviewed the budget and shared the report with the Board.

Executive Director's Report

Rochelle Head-Dunham, MD, Executive Director/Medical Director briefly described the Quality Section of MHSD and how it is collecting data. Dr. Kashunda Williams was formally introduced to the MHSD Board.

Dr. Kashunda Williams, MHSD's Director of Quality, presented to the Board the enrollment statistics since Medicaid enrollment and data analysis of MHSD's performance indicators.

Parish

There were no parish reports.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday, December 16, 2016.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Cathy Lazarus. Second by Sylvie Tran, all approved by vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.