

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 31, 2013
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday, May 31, 2013 at the District office. Dr. Pam Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:16 am.

In addition to Dr. Jenkins, Board members in attendance were: Gwen Richardson, Polly Campbell, Robin Pannagl, and Dr. Petrice Sams-Abiodun. Board members not in attendance were Dr. Joe Constans and Joe Giarrusso.

Staff members present were: Judge Calvin Johnson, Dr. Charlotte Cunliffe, Dr. Katherine Smith, Meghan Ferris, and Sally Hays.

Guests in attendance were: Charlotte Parent, Deputy Director of the Health Department of the City of New Orleans, and Carol Calix , Executive Director of Families Helping Families of Southeast Louisiana.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Pannagl moved approval of the April 19, 2013 minutes. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report: Dr. Jenkins shared information about the Executive Director search committee and Alford Group Executive Search's timeline for completing its work.

Election of Officers: The nominating committee presented a slate of officers to serve from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The committee nominated Polly Campbell as Chair, Dr. Joe Constans as Vice Chair, and Dr. Patrice Sams-Abiodun as Secretary. Ms. Richardson moved election of the slate of officers. Ms. Pannagl seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Governance Process Policies: The Board participated in an assessment of how well it was following MHSD's Governance Process policies and whether or not there need to be any changes in these policies. It was determined that no changes are necessary.

Executive Director's Report: Judge Johnson provided information on the status of the construction of the Algiers Behavioral Health Center. He also presented a draft 2013-2014 Board planning calendar.

Report on Clinical Services: Dr. Smith, MHSD's Medical Director, discussed clinical services and responded to questions from Board members.

Ends Policies: Ms. Hays presented staff recommendations for changes to the current Ends policy, which articulates MHSD's purpose and priorities. The Board discussed these recommendations and suggested changes to them, including a statement on the importance of prevention at all levels. Further discussion and adoption of an Ends Policy will be on the agenda for the July Board meeting.

Invitation for Public Comment: Ms. Calix introduced herself to the Board members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 pm.