

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 18, 2013
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Algiers Behavioral Health Center. Polly Campbell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:42 pm.

In addition to Ms. Campbell, Board members in attendance were: Dr. Petrice Sams-Abiodun, Joe Giarrusso, Robin Pannagl, and Charlotte Parent. Board member not in attendance was Dr. Joe Constans.

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

Members of the Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition attended as guests.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Sams-Abiodun moved approval of the September 20, 2013 minutes. Ms. Pannagl seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (attachment 1).

Chair's Report: Ms. Campbell provided an update on the executive director search process. In addition, Ms. Campbell suggested that MHSD's current mission statement be revised to match the Ends Statement adopted by the Board. Ms. Parent moved adoption of the changed mission statement. Mr. Giarrusso seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The new mission states: MHSD fulfills its statutory role as the planning body for the behavioral health and developmental disability services for 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.

Executive Director's Report: Judge Johnson requested Board ratification of an increase in the amount of Bridge House's contract for residential treatment services for men from \$401,500 to \$526,500 in order to expand services. Ms. Parent moved ratification of the increase, Ms. Pannagl seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Deputy Director/CFO's Report: In accordance with the Board's monitoring calendar, Dr. Cunliffe shared financial planning and budgeting information with the Board including a quarterly review of the FY2014 budget, the FY2015 budget calendar, the FY2015 continuation budget, budget changes, budgeting assumptions, and next steps.

Parish Updates: There were no updates presented at this meeting.

Other Business: Members of the Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition made a presentation to the Board and answered questions about the organization, its background, purpose, accomplishments and recommendations.

Monitoring Report: In accordance with the Board's monitoring calendar, Judge Johnson reported compliance with the policies related to MHSD's executive director succession and Board approval for contract commitments over \$300,000.

Invitation for Public Comment: Other than the representatives of the Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition, there were no members of the public present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.