

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 20, 2013  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Chartres-Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center. Polly Campbell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:47 pm.

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

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

Guests in attendance were: Brenda Valteau, chairperson of the Mental Health Regional Advisory Committee (RAC).

**Approval of Minutes:** Dr. Constans moved approval of the August 20, 2013 minutes. Ms. Pannagl seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (attachment 1).

**Chair's Report:** Ms. Campbell acknowledged that this meeting would be the last for Dr. Jenkins and Ms. Richardson, as each had completed their second 3 year term as Board members. Ms. Campbell publically thanked and honored them for their years of service and for their dedication to MHSD and its Board.

**Executive Director's Report:** Judge Johnson also thanked Dr. Jenkins and Ms. Richardson for their service as Board members, and stated that they had been instrumental in moving the agency forward in a positive direction over the last six years. Judge Johnson then shared that he had recently attended a Human Services Interagency Council (HSIC) meeting, during which the recent Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) audit of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP) implementation had been discussed. Also, he shared that he had participated in a radio interview, and through the interview provided information about a RAC conference scheduled to discuss the integration of mental health, addiction disorder and prevention services.

**Deputy Director/CFO's Report:** Dr. Cunliffe shared that MHSD had recently undergone a Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accreditation process for its Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST) program and had received accreditation for three years.

**Parish Updates:** Ms. Campbell reported that she had communicated with the St. Bernard parish fire chief about MHSD and its available services. Ms. Pannagl stated that she attended a stakeholder meeting with a Plaquemines parish MHSD provider.

**Other Business:** Eric Odom made a presentation to the Board and answered questions about the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

**Monitoring Report:** In accordance with the Board's monitoring calendar, Judge Johnson reported compliance with the policies related to MHSD's fiscal condition and activities.

**Invitation for Public Comment:** Brenda Valteau talked about the RAC conference related to the integration of mental health, addiction disorder and prevention services.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.