



**AAHSD Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2024**

Meeting held at 302 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506 in Auditorium 4.

Members present: Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); Carla JeanBatiste, Vice-Chair (St. Martin Parish); Darce` Byrd (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish), Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); and Elizabeth West, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish).

Members absent: Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Quinta Thompson, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Bambi Polotzola, (St. Landry Parish), and Sydia Robin (Evangeline Parish).

Members of the public present: None present.

AAHSD Staff in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

The Public Notice and Agenda were posted at the AAHSD clinics and on the website. Open meeting laws are available.

- 1. Call to order at 3:19 pm.**
 - a. Meeting Objective(s):**
 - i. Conduct business per approved agenda calendar**
 - ii. Address any new business as needed**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Vice-Chair, Carla JeanBatiste and recited by attendees.**
- 3. Roll call performed by Elizabeth West, Secretary, noting a quorum was present.**

Discussion held as to the new phone system conversion in our building and the teleconference accommodations for ADA qualified persons.

- 4. Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments – None present.**
- 5. Consent Agenda items:**
 - a. Minutes:**
 - i. June regular Board meeting**

b. Program reports:

- **BH & DD numbers and stats - reviewed by the Board**
- **Motion made by Richard Landry, and seconded by Darce` Byrd to approve and accept the minutes as printed, as well as the program reports. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Comments from Chair:

a. Board advocacy reports –

- **None reported.**

b. Agenda Calendar items -

- i. Executive Limit Pol 1.1: Global Executive Constraints (pg 4).**
 - **No comments made.**
- ii. Governance Process Pol 2.1: Global Governance Commitment (pg 22)**
 - **No comments made.**
- iii. Board-ED Linkage Pol 3.1: Global Linkage (pg 22)**
 - **No comments made.**

7. Comments from Executive Director:

a. LDH staff changes:

- **ED informed the Board of the new staff changes.**
- **LDH informed ED last week that as part of Dr. Pete Croughan's position as Deputy Secretary, he will continue to provide services for AAHSD one day per week as a Licensed Physician. AAHSD will develop an MOU for this working relationship, as Dr. Croughan is no longer on contract with AAHSD and is an employee of LDH.**
- **Discussion held as to OBH & OPH staff update/changes.**
- **Working on a budget reduction exercise and discussion held.**
- **Questions were asked about the new phone system, ED will update the Board with details.**
- **Questions were asked as to the calculations of AAHSD's legal counsel June statement. ED will review and update the Board with how the calculations are determined.**

b. Local suicide prevention coalition:

- **Grant update.**
- **ED recently attended a training/meeting with various local coalitions. Announced AAHSD will co-lead that effort with 232-HELP / 211 system and will keep the Board updated with its progress.**
- **Discussed the various contracts AAHSD is working with in conjunction with suicide prevention.**

c. CJCC update:

- **ED informed the Board the CJCC has recently re-organized, with some of its main members being LCG, Sheriff's office, Clerk of Court, school districts and the DA's office, along with other involved organizations including AAHSD and have formed several committees. AAHSD is currently on the jail overcrowding committee.**

- ED spoke with Judge Edwards, Lafayette City Court, and was informed they received a grant for a Sequential Intercept Model. AAHSD and other selected organizations will be working with Judge Edwards/Lafayette City Court for this model/project. There will be a training on September 7 – 8, 2024 in Lafayette to have all selected organizations together and discuss the Sequential Intercept Model, noting the model/project will be focused on the city and parish of Lafayette for now.
- d. CCBHC update:
 - Indicated CCBHC efforts are going well.
 - Regularly reporting AAHSD numbers to SAMHSA.
 - Meeting with our grants' project officer for review and has reported everything is going well.
 - A team from a Behavioral Health Center in North Carolina will be visiting the AAHSD clinics this week to discuss our CCBHC program.
 - The Behavioral Health Symposium will be held in Baton Rouge on September 9 – 11, 2024, noting AAHSD has been asked to make a presentation regarding our CCBHC program.
 - Still working on the Just in Time initiative.
 - Adjusting Same Day Access process as needed.

Additional comments by the ED:

The new crisis provider for Child & Adolescent Services is in effect.

It has been approved for AAHSD to combine the five (5) individual clinic licenses into one (1) district license. A copy of the district license will be displayed at each clinic.

AP visits are scheduled for this week.

8. Next meeting – August 19, 2024

- a. **The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024 and meeting notices will be sent out and posted.**

9. Adjournment:

- **Motion to adjourn made by Elizabeth West, and seconded by Carol Broussard. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.**

Submitted by: Elizabeth West

Elizabeth West, AAHSD Board Secretary