



**AAHSD Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2024**

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

Members present: Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); Darce' Byrd (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish), Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Elizabeth West, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish); Quinta Thompson, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); and Bambi Polotzola, (St. Landry Parish).

Members absent: Carla JeanBatiste, Vice-Chair (St. Martin Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette 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 3:21 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 Chair, Quinta Thompson Credeur and recited by attendees.**
- 3. Roll call performed by Elizabeth West, Secretary, noting a quorum was present.**

Discussion held as to Sydia Robin's term of office. This matter will be presented at next month's meeting.

- 4. Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments – None present.**
- 5. Consent Agenda items:**
 - a. Minutes:**
 - i. July regular Board meeting**
 - b. Program reports:**
 - BH & DD numbers and stats - reviewed by the Board**

- Motion made by Elizabeth West, and seconded by Richard Landry 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 –
 - Bambi Polotzola shared she attended a Resource Workshop in St. Landry Parish and was on a panel along with her son for Employment with Disabilities & Post-Secondary.
 - Quinta Thompson Credeur shared the NAMI Walk Acadiana is scheduled for October 5, 2024.
- b. Agenda Calendar items -
 - i. Executive Limit Pol 1.2: Treatment of Consumers (pg 5)
 - ii. Executive Limit Pol 1.3: Treatment of Staff
 - iii. Governance Process Pol 2.2: Governance Style (pg 15)
 - iv. Governance Process Pol 2.3: Board Job Description
 - v. Board-ED Linkage Pol 3.2: Unity of Control (pg 23)
 - There we no discussions/comments made by the Board regarding any of the above named Agenda Calendar items.
 - Motion made by Darce` Byrd, and seconded by Elizabeth West to accept the Agenda Calendar items. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Comments from Executive Director:

Mentioned Sydia Robin's appointment and term, noting this will be addressed at the next regular Board meeting.

Board member current term information will be sent to all Board members.

a. CCBHC update:

- i. Same Day Access – Records indicate as of 8/30/2024, AAHSD has assessed 1,592 people and admitted 1,498.
- ii. Just In Time project – (Scheduling for prescribers) will start very soon; tentative launch January 1 with notification beginning October 1.
- iii. Expanded Hours – Tentative expanded hours for existing clients will be 7:30 am – 5:30 pm, with days varying among the clinics, and the anticipated start date is 9/30/2024. Anticipated additional hours may commence after the first of the next year, and will include weekend hours. Details are still being finalized.
- iv. EBPs - AAHSD does have a number of EBP (Evidence Based Practices), noting AAHSD has a team that has recently been accepted to train for DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy).
- v. Behavioral Health Symposium & LAMHA presentations – The Behavioral Health Symposium sponsored by AAHSD was scheduled for last week from Monday, September 9, 2024 – Wednesday, September 11, 2024 in Baton Rouge. LDH/OBH decided to end the

symposium mid-day on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 due to the risk of severe weather from TS/Hurricane Francine. AAHSD was scheduled to present on Tuesday afternoon and was unable to do so. There will be further discussions to determine the rescheduling of the remainder of the symposium that was unable to be presented. AAHSD, along with Tri-West Consulting Team, and the project evaluator from the Picard Center are scheduled to make a presentation with LAMHA (Louisiana Mental Health Association) on October 23, 2024 regarding the CCBHC process. AAHSD also received a request to present from National Council who is sponsoring a rural health services learning community virtual event on November 19, 2024.

- vi. Consumer Advisory Council – The meeting scheduled for last Thursday, September 12, 2024 was cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- b. Budget exercise & House Appropriation Cmte - Update given for the current & next fiscal year.

July meeting follow-up:

Questions were asked at the July meeting as to the calculations of AAHSD's legal counsel's June statement. An update was given by the Executive Director and it was determined that the calculations are correct.

Additional comments by the Executive Director:

The Executive Director shared that Tammara Smith, AAHSD's Corporate Compliance and Accreditation Officer has earned her credentials as a Compliance professional with HCCA (Health Care Compliance Association) and is nationally certified in Health Care Compliance.

Next month's HSIC meeting (Annual Meeting) is scheduled for October 17, 2024 and the Board Chair, along with any Board member is encouraged to attend.

John Stefanski, Board member for Acadia Parish, announced to the Board and AAHSD staff that this will probably be his last meeting, and will be resigning upon the appointment of a replacement.

Next meeting – October 21, 2024

- c. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024 and meeting notices will be sent out and posted.

8. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn made by Bambi Polotzola, and seconded by Carol Broussard. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Submitted by: Elizabeth West

Elizabeth West, AAHSD Board Secretary