



May 19, 2025

Call to order at 3:30 pm.

**Members present:** Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Quinta Thompson Credeur, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Bambi Polotzola, (St. Landry Parish); and Darce` Byrd, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish);

**Members absent:** Elizabeth West (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish); Carla Jean Batiste, Vice Chair

**Vacant Seats:** Acadia and Evangeline Parish

**AAHSD staff in attendance:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director, and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

**Members of the public present:** William Harrison, PhD, and Amanda Holmes, PhD

1. Call to order at 3:30 pm.
  - a. Meeting Objective(s):
    - i. Conduct business per the approved agenda calendar
    - ii. Address any new business as needed
2. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call was performed by Darce` Byrd, noting that a quorum was present.
4. Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments: The Executive Director introduced William Harrison, PhD, and Amanda Holmes, PhD
5. Consent Agenda items:
  - a. Minutes:
    - April regular board meeting:  
The motion was made by Bambi Polotzola and seconded by Carol Broussard, and it was carried unanimously.
  - b. Program Reports:
    - Numbers were presented; and approved.
    - The motion was made by Richard Landry and seconded by Yasmin Welch, and it was carried unanimously.
6. Comments from Chair:
  - a. **Board advocacy reports:** Yasmin noted Same Day Access referrals from the Nurse Family Partnership are going well. Bambi mentioned that St. Landry Parish will have multiple opportunities for volunteers this summer to assist with their young adults. Quinta reported that Iberia Parish extended their breakfast and lunch program for students throughout June. The state capital will host Disability Day on June 2, 2025; lunch will be provided. On May 31, 2025, a Mental Health seminar on Youth Suicide Prevention and Gun Violence will be held; the program is open to everyone.
  - b. **Items:**
    - Executive Limit Pol 2.6: The motion was made by Carol Broussard and seconded by Bambi Polotzola, and it was carried unanimously.
  - c. Board vacancies: AAHSD has not received any updates for any potential vacancy replacements. Yasmin stated her term through Lafayette Parish is up this year; she has worked in Evangeline Parish since January 2024, she would be willing to move to the Evangeline seat that is currently vacant. Carol suggested speaking to Elizabeth, who knows some of the people on the police jury in Evangeline Parish. Once Yasmin`s Lafayette Parish term is up, Brad will reach out to the mayor/president to fill the vacancy.
  - d. House Bill 559 discussion and plan of action: Introduced by Representative Michael Echols; the original draft called for significant changes to all Human Service Districts. Multiple Human Service District Directors were

present at the capital today, May 19, 2025, to follow the bill. If the bill passed, it would change the scope of services provided and possibly alter the impact that the different districts offer.

7. Comments from the Executive Director:

a. **CCBHC update:**

i. CCBHC continues to progress well; Brad explained how the funding is “drawn down” monthly. Brad received notice from SAMHSA that AAHSD no longer needs to report on disparities. CARF sent notice that the survey, initially scheduled to be completed in April/May, will now be completed in August or September (date pending).

b. **Same-Day Access:** The program continues to perform well. NatCon occurred a couple of weeks prior; Tynese Breaux presented. Brad reported that he may have those who attended present the information they learned during NatCon.

c. **Just in Time update:** The program is going well

d. **Data reports update:** A consultant has been hired; the consultant will review the numbers and send a report. The primary goal is to catch up on the data.

The Executive Director shared that AAHSD is looking to invite delegates from the area to visit the facility, allowing them to see firsthand the services provided by the district.

8. Next Meeting: June 16, 2025; this date is pending. Gretchen will send an email to board members to determine the best dates for June and July. June is the month when the board members do the ED’s performance evaluation.

9. Adjournment: Richard Landry made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Carol Broussard and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Submitted by:



Darce' Byrd, Secretary