Central La Human Services District – Board Meeting Minutes
5411 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA
Thursday, September 4, 2025

Members Present: Leigh Lejeune (Avoyelles Parish); Shirley Washington (Catahoula Parish); Devonte Schiele (Concordia); Kathy Scarborough (Grant); Michelle Breland (LaSalle Parish); Darrell Rodriguez (Rapides): Linda Nichols (Vernon); Desirae Bruce (Winn Parish); Doug Ryland (At-Large/Rapides); Dr. Charles King (At-Large/Rapides)

Members Absent: Laura Jolly (At-Large/Rapides Parish)

Guests: Rebecca Craig, Executive Director; RoseMary Futrell, Board Liaison; Cayce McDaniel, Deputy Director; Amanda Stalsby, CFO, Yolanda Butcher

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / ACTION
Call to Order/Quorum	Desirae Bruce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. 10 of 11 board members were personally present.
Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance	Darrell Rodriguez led the prayer, and Desirae Bruce led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Read and Approve September Meeting Agenda / **Solicit Public Comment Requests**	Dr. Nichols, Secretary, read the agenda aloud. Dr. King/D. Schiele moved/seconded to accept the September 2025 agenda. Motion carried. No public comments received.
Introduction of new Bd. Member	Leigh LeJeune recognized as new Avoyelles Parish Board Member.
Consent Agenda August 2025 Board Meeting minutes	Board members received a copy of the August meeting minutes via email for review prior to the September meeting. Dr. Nichols/S. Washington moved/seconded approval of the August minutes. Approved with no changes. Motion carried.
District Reports Financial Report	Amanda Stalsby, CFO, reviewed the financial report to include Revenue and

ED Monthly Report	Expenditures, H1, and fielded questions. K. Scarborough/Dr. Nichols moved/seconded to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried. Rebecca Craig, Executive Director, presented the monthly Executive Director report, H2 to the board and fielded questions.
Policy Reviews	No policy reviews for the month of September. (reviewed in July)
Board Business Legislative Audit Report by Disability Correlated to Strategic Planning – ED Financial Planning and Budgeting – CFO Open Meeting Laws 2025	Non-Audit Year Report by Disability Correlated to Strategic Planning H3 was presented by Rebecca Craig. A handout was provided to the board of directors. Discussion held. Fielded questions. Amanda Stalsby provided board members with handouts, H4 which included budget prep timeline, planning summary for budget request, and a handout with common budget terms for members to refer to. Discussion was held and Amanda Stalsby fielded questions. 2025 Open Meeting Laws emailed to board members for review Note additions/changes: Act 374 of the regular session repealed this change in the law in its entirety. Act 374 goes into effect on July 1, 2027. Therefore, the requirement to submit notice of meeting to the Commissioner remains in effect until that date. Currently, however, the Commissioner has not established a portal.
Old Business **I.A. Global Ends**	Board members reviewed the policy and made the following changes to the priorities: **Priority 1**- Individuals and families in crisis due to mental illness, addictive disorders, or developmental disabilities receive immediate intervention to resolve the crisis and restore safety. **Priority 2** – Early Intervention for At-Risk Individuals Individuals not yet diagnosed with serious or moderate mental illness, addictive disorders, or developmental disabilities, but who are at significant risk due to proven risk factors or lack of protective factors, shall receive timely intervention to prevent the development or worsening of disorders. **Priority 3**- Individuals with identified mental illness, addictive disorders, or

	developmental disabilities have access to natural supports, community resources, and services that promote optimal functioning. Discussion held with all members, led by Desirae Bruce, Chair. Members found the district to be in compliance at this time, however all in agreement to change wording to priorities. Discussion held regarding the order of priorities. Dr. Nichols/Shirley Washington moved/second to accept changes to priorities as noted above. Motion carried
Training Topic	LAPAS report – S. Broadwell Tabled to the October meeting
Questions/Comments as Solicited	No public comments.
NEXT MONTH Executive Limits Training Topic	• II.C. Treatment of Staff – ED • IV. A. Global Linkage – Shirley Washington • IV. B. Unity of Control – K. Scarborough • IV. C. Accountability of the Ed – Darrell Rodriguez • IV. D. Delegation of the ED – Dr. Nichols Behavioral Health Presentation – Cayce McDaniel
Announcements	Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2025.
Adjournment	D. Rodriguez/Dr. Nichols moved/seconded adjournment at 7:03p.m. Motion carried.