

Minutes of Central Louisiana Human Services District Meeting
November 18, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chair Roseada Mayeux at 5:30 PM

Other attendees included Freda Randall, Ron Carr, Lavasso Monk, Randy Kay, Harry Foster, James Sprinkle, Thomas Davis and Steve Coco.

Absent was Bill Rucker of Concordia Parish. The Grant Parish Representative position has been vacated.

Yakima Black, Executive Management Officer, began by outlining recent changes in the D.H.H. and how they may affect budgets with more cuts possibly coming. Medicaid problems persist with re-imburement for Doctors.

Freda Randall of Catahoula noted her doctor is cutting back services to patients.

Tommy Davis asked if Medicaid would be utilized more in the future on Behavioral Health and what happens to community mental health?

Yakima stated our new board would be in management as a provider. It was noted the entire State Health System is in flux because of budget shortfalls.

Steve Coco asked how our Board is affected by the uncertainty. The general agreement was we don't know for sure right now, but we would monitor services to find out.

Yakima said each region will vary in operations because of different needs.

Randy Kay of Vernon Parish stated he would probably have to resign and be replaced because he is a DHH employee. Even though he legally could serve, people have told him it would be best if he stepped down.

Yakima mentioned possible closures by budget shortfalls would happen, so it would be difficult to discuss end policies at this time.

Yakima stated for the upcoming December meeting we will be visited by Tony Keck, Dep. Sec. of DHH and Kathy Kliebert, Asst. Sec. of the O.O.B.H.

James Sprinkle of Avoyelles said the results of that December meeting could be changed by February because of uncertain situations, especially with funding.

Yakima said Keck and Kliebert would probably talk about structure and not budgets.

The role of the yet to be hired Executive Director was discussed. That role will be to make plans from the beginning, working on structure, not about spending budgeted money.

There was discussion on term limits and unexcused absences. Only 2 consecutive unexcused absences will be allowed and only a total of 4 per year.

Tommy Davis said eventually one goal will be to have funding at our Board level.

Yakima said yes and we can wait to make plans at this time.

Steve Coco asked about membership vacancies? It was decided main priority would be the adoption of by laws. The Board decided to adopt WITH modification of the by laws of the Acadiana Area Human Services District. Chair Mayeux read through 9 pages and the proper modifications were agreed to by all Board attendees.

Harry Foster of Winn Parish questioned his qualifications to be on board, he was assured he was qualified. Secretary Steve Coco stated he would rewrite the by laws and forward to Chair Mayeux. The dates of future meetings were discussed and settled on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The meeting was adjourned at exactly 7:53 PM.