

**Capital Area Human Services District Board Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2012**

Directors Present: Christy Burnett, Vice Chair, Barbara Wilson, Dana Carpenter, Ph.D., Gail Hurst, Sandi Record, Rev. Louis Askins, Victoria King, Wayne Delapasse, Amy Betts, Kathy D’Abor, Kay Andrews, and Kay Long

Directors Absent: Tandra Davidson, Jermaine Watson, Chairman, Gary Spillman and Becky Katz,

CAHSD Executive Staff Members: Jan Kasofsky, Ph.D., Executive Director, Carol Nacoste, Deputy Director

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Approval of Agenda Approval of the Minutes for: May 7, 2012	Christy Burnett	The Board meeting was called to order at 11:15 by Christy Burnett. Motion for approval of the May 7, 2012 minutes as written with the consent for the June 21, 2012 agenda was made by Rev. Askins. The motion was seconded by Vicki King and there were no objections. The motion passed.	.
Reports from the Executive Director			
Communications Tab 2	Dr. Kasofsky	<p>Tab 2 attachments were reviewed. Dr. Kasofsky provided a brief overview of the following attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively Add Total Health for the Chronically Mentally Ill Community Client is an abstract written by Dr. Kasofsky and was accepted for the October 12, 2012 national meeting of American Public Health Association. She will present the abstract at the October meeting in San Francisco. She stated that the program grant money can be used to pay for her trip. • The May issue of the Countdown is a newsletter that Dr. Kasofsky began writing in March 2012. Feedback from CAHSD staff is that this newsletter is valued by the employees and helps to keep them informed of internal agency matters. • The Pointe Coupee Banner article- The new staff hired for the Community Health Worker initiative was noted in this article. • “What’s New In Health Care 2012” insert – Included in the ‘Baton Rouge Business Report providing information regarding the services CAHSD has provided and the number of people who have received these services. The article was written by Dr. Kasofsky and paid for by CAHSD. 	

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MHERE Planning	Dr. Kasofsky	<p>Dr. Kasofsky reported that she has had 3 meetings with the Baton Rouge General and OLOL Hospital personnel regarding the MHERE. There has been one joint meeting with both OLOL and The Baton Rouge General. She explained to their leaders that closure of the MHERE was a community problem to solve. She stated that the Medical Director of ER Services at the Baton Rouge General attended the meeting as well. She reported that there will be a meeting in July to further discuss whether the MHERE bed function would be picked up by the different hospitals in the community or in one centralized location. DHH has stated that if they are brought a plan, they will look at how to cover the indigent. Dr. Kasofsky stated that if all of the MHERE beds had been open for 19 months it would have saved 27+ million dollars for hospitalization. This includes the cost of running the MHERE. She stated that we have the model down, so whether the function is centralized or not, shouldn't make a difference. Success requires Social Workers working with patients and care managers, and linking clients to community resources.</p>	
West Baton Rouge Social Work Contract Position	Dr. Kasofsky	<p>Dr. Kasofsky announced that the CAHSD Social Worker in the West Baton Rouge Contract position tragically passed away unexpectedly. She had devoted her life to helping others. Dr. Kasofsky shared that there was concern regarding what would happen with the contract. She explained that having Board members is important to the success of this agency. She stated that even when they feel like they just come to meetings and aren't connected there will be instances like this when they will be needed to help address issues that impact many people. She thanked Wayne Delapasse and Gary Spillman for stepping in and advising her of the Parish President's concerns. Dr. Kasofsky stated that it was with their assistance that CAHSD was able to obtain continued commitment to fund that program.</p>	
Required Medicaid Contracts	Dr. Kasofsky	<p>Dr. Kasofsky stated that all of CAHSD clients are required to apply for Medicaid. The state is requiring that CAHSD show who is/is not eligible. Doing this will bring down the federal dollars to match the state funded cost of their care. If someone is indigent, their care is funded totally with state general fund (SGF) dollars. If they are Medicaid eligible, every SGF dollar spent has 3 Federal dollars attached to it. CAHSD funding mechanism for DHH for mental health, substance abuse, and physical health relies on a certain percentage of the population being Medicaid eligible. CAHSD is experiencing problems in the main clinic because people over the years have gone without paying and see it as a free clinic. She explained that there are people who genuinely don't have the dollars who need to qualify for</p>	

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Required Medicaid Contracts	Dr. Kasofsky	<p>Medicaid and apply. Then there are people who don't want to spend their money on things that used to be free for them. This is causing a problem for our Clinic. We are being tough at this point because people are no showing when scheduled to complete a Medicaid application. Clients are required to provide an application or to allow us to help them fill one out. Dr. Kasofsky told the Board that they may receive complaint calls because of these changes. She asked that the Board keep in mind that everything is fair and being done the same way across the state. She stated that it really has never been a free clinic, but staff have been lax about requiring applications be completed. CAHSD's budget will be based on a certain amount of people becoming Medicaid eligible.</p>	
Prevention Funding Tab 3	Charlene Gillard Dr. Kasofsky	<p>Dr. Kasofsky introduced Charlene Gillard, CAHSD's Program Monitor Supervisor in the Prevention Department. C. Gillard distributed a Prevention Budget handout which was reviewed and discussed. She pointed out there are three contracts proposed for non-renewal and explained that even though these contracts are not being renewed, their funding is still available. They are proposed for non-renewal of funding due to low participation and retention even though they did a good job. Those dollars will be moved to other programs in the District, mostly in East Baton Rouge Parish. Some changes had to be made because State Office has decided that Prevention will pay for its own printing costs for pre and post-tests. She explained that every evidence based program will have to have pre and post-tests. The cost for these tests will be approximately \$7,000-\$8000. Every family member must have pre and post-tests in order to be evaluated. CAHSD will also pay for the evaluations. There was discussion regarding program funding, media campaigns, bill boards, and funding for the Art Council program that approximately 60 kids attend in summer and over 100 attend throughout the year in which they address violence and substance use issues through music, art & drama. C. Gillard stated that they are proposing a prevention and school-based program in West Baton Rouge Parish.</p> <p>There new Community Health Worker program in Pointe Coupee has started. G. Hurst went through the training. CAHSD pays 1/3 of the cost and the Health Services District is paying the balance. Training is done by Tulane.</p>	
OCDD Allocations Tab 4	Dr. Kasofsky	<p>The members looked at the graph titled "Regional Individual and Family Support Budgets per Capita" behind Tab 4. Dr. Kasofsky pointed out that</p>	

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OCDD Allocations Tab 4	Dr. Kasofsky	CAHSD has the lowest budget with the largest population. She explained the process of how this came to happen. She stated that this is a symptom of the fact that when Districts were created, institutionalized decisions about budgeting were not. A meeting has been requested with OCDD to include all of the District's Executive Directors to be present. She reported this is the first year ever that when families apply for one time purchases that are needed, that only 40% of #2 priorities could be funded. She will keep the Board apprised of what step needs to be taken next.	Dr. Kasofsky will meet with other Executive Directors in July
FY 2013 Budget	C. Nacoste	C. Nacoste provided a budget update. She reported that there have been no changes to the budget. Still looking at approximately \$560,000 in new cuts for FY 2013. This amount is very minimal compared to the 2-5 million dollar cuts received in the past few years. There was discussion regarding the budget.	
Telehealth Progress	Dr. Kasofsky	Telehealth is working very well. We have added 32 hours to the Children's Unit and 40 hours to the Adult Clinics. That time is distributed between the Adult Clinic downstairs, MDMHC and GMHC. The telehealth physicians chart directly into the electronic health record. Clients are not left alone in a room with just the monitor. A social worker is always involved and the session never occurs when a psychiatrist is not in the building. Everyone is given a choice as to whether or not they participate in the telehealth session. Clients are provided information regarding the use of telehealth and their freedom to use it or not. The same physicians provide the services weekly.	Board to take a tour of Pharmacy and tele-med equipment
Total Health Program Tab 5	Dr. Kasofsky	Dr. Kasofsky presented the "Commitment To Total Health by CAHSD Staff" brochure behind Tab 5. This is part of the SAMHSA Grant Program. There is a brochure written for the clients and one for the primary care physicians. The brochures provide information regarding justification as to why the grant was pursued and the roles our staff plays. Dr. Kasofsky stated that the Federal government surveyed CAHSD and were very impressed.	
Ends Policy Update: School Sites Tab 6	Bethany Sclafani Dr. Kasofsky	Bethany Sclafani distributed a handout listing all of the schools served by CAHSD. There are two schools that CAHSD will be going to one day per week and will be providing unbillable services. There is a cap on the number of schools that Medicaid allows CAHSD to bill for services. CAHSD has been asked to go to the high school in West Feliciana because of the problems they've experienced with substance abuse. CAHSD will be going to West Feliciana High School and Dorseyville in Iberville one day per week. CAHSD is waiting to learn if Magellan is going to reimburse for	

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Louisiana Board of Ethics	Kay Andrews	Kay Andrews requested that a standing Board member reminder be added to the April Agenda for the Board members to complete the Louisiana Board of Ethics form.	K. Bray will forward the ethics form to the Board members and a note to the policy manual monthly agenda section.
Next Meeting		The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at 4615 Government Street, Building 2, Baton Rouge, LA in Conference Room 200.	