

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

June 14, 2022

Ouachita Parish Health Unit, Community Room, 1650 DeSiard Street, Monroe, LA. 71201

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Mike Shipp and prayer was led by Mike Shipp and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of May 10: A Motion was made by LaTanya Whiteside and seconded by Cynthia Mathes to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Cynthia Mathes, Mike Shipp, Thelma Merrells and Latanya Whiteside

Board Absent: Rev. Shawn Hornsby and Yvonne Lewis

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

We published the Determinants of Telehealth Service Use among Mental Health Patients: A Case of Rural Louisiana in the prestigious International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. We are getting excellent reviews statewide, nationally, and internationally. I have received multiple state, national and international requests to present our findings. We are the only LGE to publish independent research. I also believe we are the only state agency to have done so. We are currently working on additional manuscripts based on our integrated healthcare services and model.

We will be hosting an in person and virtual Opioid Summit Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Monroe Convention Center. Our theme is Openly Using Recovery: Strategies to Rise above Stigma. This free event will be offering CEUs, food and snacks, and regional vendors. This event is already at in person attendance and vendor capacity. Virtual options are still available. If a Board wants to attend in person, let me know.

We had two outstanding showings of our regional psychodrama to highlight and destigmatize mental illness and addiction. The theatrical play, Alky, occurred May 27 and 28 at ULM's Brown Theater. We are still getting very favorable reviews and feedback from those who attended.

We continue to participate in many social media campaigns, including suicide prevention and various addiction ones. We have also started a massive Rise above Stigma digital public awareness campaign

about stigma and our programs and services. This digital campaign includes Google, website, news banners, various social media outlets, etc.

We already made public our independently evaluated six-month Rise above Stigma results. We are making excellent progress on concluding the final six-months of the campaign and completing the final report associated with it. This work is unprecedented in our region and state.

Dr. Sizer continues to share with staff that he expects that Northeast Delta will be fully integrated programmatically and across all departments by July 1, 2022. To date, all fiscal policies and procedures, analytics, HR, technology, and facilities are being aligned to support this agency objective. This objective is consistent with the Board-approved agency strategic plan and outcomes focus. We will see more significant innovations and larger population health improvements in Northeast Louisiana when this happens, and we will also be the first LGE to accomplish this.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal report a Motion made by LaTanya Whiteside and seconded by Cynthia Mathes to approve / accept as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Planning & Budgeting/Financial Condition and Activities – *With respect to the actual, ongoing financial condition and activities, the ED shall not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from board priorities established in Ends policies.*

NEDHSA's FY22 appropriated budget is \$16,360,304. Total excluding SGR= \$15,586,460. Our IAT = \$5,007,753. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board -

- Agenda Planning (page 9) No changes were made at this time
- Cost of Governance (page 8) No changes were made at this time
- Discussion of Meeting Format

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board member recruitment
- Travel reimbursement

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Next Meeting – July 12, 2022

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