

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

March 11, 2025

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority – Video Conference Room

2513 Ferrand Street, Monroe, LA 71201

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Yvonne Lewis and prayer was led by Yvonne Lewis and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Randy Williams and seconded by Dr. Tiffany Bates to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of January 14, 2025: A Motion was made by Tasha Washington and seconded by Randy Williams to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Christina Johnson, Randy Williams, Dr. Tiffany Bates, Yvonne Lewis and Tasha Washington

Board Members Absent: Thelma Merrells

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic A. Sizer and Delores R. Harris

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

NEDHSA received a full, three-year accreditation from CARF. This is the gold standard for the work that we do. This accreditation speaks to the dedication and commitment of NEDHSA's staff and board.

NEDHSA's legislative 2025 audit has begun. We anticipate another perfect to near perfect audit. We have been preparing for it, and all is smooth to date.

NEDHSA had its programmatic audit from LDH as part of our annual contract. Each clinic location scored 100% in each category assessed.

NEDHSA hosted its annual Youth Summit on February 12, 2025. More than 900 regional students and school representatives learned about various addictions, conflict resolution, exercise, and more. NEDHSA plans to broadcast the Youth Summit on its social media platforms in the coming weeks.

NEDHSA hosted two pre-town hall meetings. One was hosted in Franklin Parish and the other one was hosted in Ouachita Parish. Both were well attended and informative. The follow up Franklin Parish town hall meeting will take place at LDCC's Winnsboro campus on March 19,

2025. It will be from 5 pm - 7 pm.

NEDHSA will host its highly anticipated Developmental Disability Summit entitled Your Life: Putting the Pieces of Your Life Together through Advocacy. It will take place on March 27, 2025 at ULM's Bayou Pointe. Two NEDHSA board members will be featured panelists.

As part of NEDHSA's opioid harm reduction strategy, there will be 12 NARCAN boxes strategically placed regionally. NEDHSA staff will place one at its Tallulah Integrated Care Clinic on March 11, 2025 at 11:30 am.

Drs. Sizer and Bhatta's behavioral and primary healthcare manuscript has been submitted for publication. There is no other LGE or state department publishing manuscripts in professional research journals. We have several manuscripts published in journals such as the highly respected American Journal of Medicine and several other notable ones. The manuscript under current review is titled Assessment of Mental and Physical Health Outcomes Over Time in an Integrated Care Setting.

NEDHSA implemented a very comprehensive EAP program for staff and their family members. This comprehensive system allows staff and family members to get individual counseling, money management tips, etc., from outside experts. NEDHSA staff will be participating in a health, wellness, and learning retreat at the Monroe Civic Center on March 25, 2025. Board members are eligible to use the comprehensive EAP program NEDHSA staff use.

NEDHSA is about to launch its veteran suicide campaign as part of its Operation Leave No Veteran Behind initiative. Suicide awareness lapel pins will be part of this regional messaging effort.

NEDHSA is helping Ochsner Health System to strategize and implement harm reduction machines in Louisiana. Dr. Sizer will be speaking with Ochsner and other healthcare leaders in Lafayette, Louisiana on Friday, March 14, 2025.

NEDHSA signed an MOU with East Carroll Parish School System. NEDHSA will be providing prevention and treatment services for school children, faculty, and the general public.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal data, a Motion made by Randy Williams and seconded by Christina Johnson to approve / accept the ED report and Fiscal reports 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 FY 25 appropriated budget is \$16,566,266. Our SGF = \$11,309,002. Our IAT = \$4,483,420. Self-generated = \$773,844

Board –

- Comments Collected on ED Performance- Board Chair-Yvonne Lewis asked each of Northeast Delta Human Services board members in attendance to complete the Performance Evaluation on Dr. Sizer's performance anonymously and Delores Harris was asked to email them to Yvonne Lewis- Board Chair the following day. **Policy Manual Page 11**
- Retreat or Board Development was offered to each board member by Dr. Monteic A. Sizer - Executive Director
- Travel Forms due MONTHLY
- Public official Ethics Training - due by May 15 (page 32)
- Personal financial disclosure – due by May 15 (page 32)

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Next Meeting – April 8, 2025 - 5:30 pm

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