

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

January 14, 2025

Ouachita Parish Health Unit - Community Room

1650 Desiard 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 Thelma Merrells and seconded by Randy Williams to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of November 12, 2024: A Motion was made by Tasha Washington and seconded by Dr. Tiffany Bates to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Thelma Merrells, Randy Williams, Dr. Tiffany Bates, Yvonne Lewis and Tasha Washington

Board Members Absent: Christina Johnson

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic 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 audit will begin late January or early February of 2025. We anticipate another perfect to near perfect audit. We have been preparing for it.

NEDHSA will undergo a programmatic audit from LDH as part of our annual contract. We have always scored in the 100s to high 90s on previous audits since we were founded back in 2013. We anticipate doing the same this time around.

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. Follow-ups are being planned.

NEDHSA had a great all staff meeting at Louisiana Delta Community College. This time allows staff to fellowship and learn about things to come the next year.

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 is helping Ochsner's system to implement harm reduction machines and strategies around Lafayette, Louisiana.

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 Thelma Merrells and seconded by Tasha Washington 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 24-25 appropriated budget is \$16,566,266. Our SGF = \$11,309,002. Our IAT = \$4,483,420. Self-generated = \$773,844

Treatment of Consumer – A Motion made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Tasha Washington to approve / accept the Treatment of Consumer FY 25 Report received from Joy Price, Director of Corporate Compliance as submitted showing no Consumer Complaints. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Planning/Budgeting – DOA website updated 10/03/2024 by Delores R. Harris

Prioritized Strategic Initiatives for coming year/Updates (Policy Manual p. 11)

The board approved to leave the Strategic Initiatives as written in the policy Manual. A Motion was made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Tasha Washington to approve/accept Strategic Initiatives as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Board –

- Board member status - Yvonne Lewis was reappointed to the board for another 3 years by the Madison Parish Police Jury on January 22, 2025.

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach

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Next Meeting – February 11, 2025 - 5:30 pm

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