

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)
Board Meeting MINUTES
November 12, 2024
Northeast Delta Human Services Authority – Conference Room
2513 Ferrand St., 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 seconded by Andy Bryan to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of October 15, 2024: A Motion was made by Andy Bryan seconded by Dr. Tiffany Bates to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Thelma Merrells, Christina Johnson, Randy Williams, Dr. Tiffany Bates, Yvonne Lewis, Tasha Washington, and Andy Bryan

Board Member Absent: Randy Williams

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 recently completed its CARF accreditation. While NEDHSA awaits its formal letter, it should receive CARF's highest accreditation in the coming weeks (3 year accreditation). During CARF's survey, surveyors petitioned CARF to also accredit NEDHSA's Child and Family Clinic. It was accepted for accreditation.

NEDHSA and Ochsner LSU Medical Center officially signed a mutual MOU for RISE. RISE will be Louisiana's largest inpatient facility for addicted pregnant women and their dependent children. RISE will also be a research and innovations hub in America's Delta.

NEDHSA Board Chair Yvonne Lewis and Executive Director Dr. Monteic A. Sizer represented Region 8 during LDH's annual ED/Board Chair meeting in Baton

Rouge. Both represented well and received many compliments concerning NEDHSA's work.

NEDHSA and Strauss Theatre partnered to offer Next to Normal. This Tony Award winning play is part of NEDHSA's Art as Medicine initiative. It's getting rave reviews regionally.

NEDHSA and Genoa Pharmacy provided around 300 flu and COVID-19 vaccinations to vulnerable individuals. This was a lifesaving measure for many.

NEDHSA had a very successful Red Ribbon Week. NEDHSA staff facilitated many regional anti drinking and drug activities within numerous school systems.

NEDHSA hosted its annual Tallulah 1k/5k event in honor of Bea Willis. This is in keeping with NEDHSA's integrated care and wellness model. NEDHSA also hosted a JiggerAerobics and a regional Pilate's session consistent with its model. Both were well received and attended.

In the coming weeks, NEDHSA will host several Town Hall meetings. The first meetings will occur in Franklin, East Carroll, and Ouachita Parishes. NEDHSA has plans to include additional parishes sometime in 2025.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with the monthly Fiscal report, a Motion made by Tasha Washington and seconded by Thelma Merrells 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 FY24-25 appropriated budget is \$16,566,266. Our SGF = \$1,309,002. Our IAT = \$4,483,420. Self-generated = \$773,844.

BOARD –

- Select nominating committee for 2024 - 2025 Officers
Nominations for Board Executive Committee 2024-25
Chairperson – Yvonne Lewis
Vice Chair – Tasha Washington
Secretary – Dr. Tiffany Bates
Treasurer – Thelma Merrells

A Motion was made by Andy Bryan seconded by Dr. Tiffany Bates to approve the nominations for Officers as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

- Global Executive Constraints (Policy Manual Page 12)

A Motion was made by Thelma Merrells seconded by Dr. Tiffany Bates to approve the above policy as written in the Policy Manual. Motion passed unanimously.

- Executive Limits: Communication with and Support of the Board
(Policy Manual page 12-13)

A Motion was made by Dr. Tiffany Bates seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve the above policy as written in the Policy Manual. Motion passed unanimously.

- Board member status
- NEDHSA Board Meeting Schedule for 2025

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach

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Next Meeting – December 10, 2024 - 5:30 pm