South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority **Board Meeting Minutes** **April 16, 2026** ***Members Present:*** Bryan Zeringue (Lafourche), Barbara Fuselier (St. Charles), Dr. Eric Melancon (St. Mary), Rachel Becnel (St. James), and Erica Lambert (Terrebonne) ***Members Absent:*** Adam Chauvin (Lafourche), Dymphna Landry (Assumption), Sarah Hensley (Terrebonne) ***Guest in attendance:*** Kristin Bonner (Executive Director), Misty Hebert (Deputy Director), Janelle Folse (Fiscal Director), Kensie Lasseigne (DD Director) and Stephanie Benton (Secretary)	
Agenda Item	**Action Recommended/Outcome**
Call to Order	Board Chairman Bryan Zeringue called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Barbara Fuselier led the prayer and Mr. Bryan Zeringue led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call of Board Members	Secretary called the roll and indicated we have a quorum.
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the March 12, 2026 meetings were reviewed. ○ Motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2026 meeting by Ms. Barbara Fuselier, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.
Board Issues	• Board Member Travel Reimbursement: Board Members were reminded to submit travel reimbursement forms. • Annual Board Financial Disclosure Statements due by May 15th, 2026: Board Members were reminded mandatory Board of Ethic Financial Disclosures are due by May 15, 2026. • Board Vacancy – St. John the Baptist: We continue to advertise for the vacancies in St. John the Baptist. Ms. Bonner also reported Mr. Adam Chauvin advised he is now working nights and he may have to resign due to his inability to attend the Board Meetings. He will communicate his decision in the near future.
Executive Director Report	Agency Update: Kristin Bonner • Legislative Update: Ms. Bonner reviewed the LDH Legislative Update to include Medicaid – Medicaid P&T Committee, La Statewide Data Exchange Compact, and Technology Data Sharing Contract, OSG – Statewide Mandatory Generator Requirements for ARCPs, OBH – Mental Health Crisis Services for All, OCDD – Rename OCDD, OPH – Removal of Cosmetics, Extended shelf life Naloxone, and Vital Records Authorization, and OS – LDH Offices bill. • Geona Pharmacy Update: Ms. Bonner gave an update on Geona Pharmacy. We are currently in the planning phase. They have contracted 2,000 sq. ft. at TBHC. Our current two (2) Pharmacist are retiring with the state in June. They will both remain working for Geona Pharmacy if they choose to. • River Parishes BHC Lease: Ms. Bonner reported we have sent a letter of intent for the property in LaPlace. We are currently in negotiations and need Board approval to move forward. Ms. Folse reviewed a cost summary/counter-offer to send into the lease holder. ○ Motion to move forward in negotiations to lease the property for the River Parishes BHC by Ms. Barbara Fuselier, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried. • Policies for Approval: a. Policy 100 – Abuse and Neglect – Policy 100 was reviewed and the following changes were suggested: in the policy statement, change exploitation and extortion to exploitation or extortion.

- Motion to approve the minor changes to Policy 100 by Dr. Eric Melancon, seconded by Ms. Erica Lambert, motion carried.

b. Policy 101 – Code of Ethics for Employees of SCLHSA – Policy 101 was reviewed and the following changes were suggested: Definition 1. add full-time.
   - Motion to approve the minor changes to Policy 101 by Ms. Erica Lambert, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.

   i. Attachment – Preamble – Ms. Bonner suggested to delete/remove the attachment to Policy 101.
   - Motion to approve the removal of the Preamble attachment to Policy 101 by Dr. Eric Melancon, seconded by Ms. Erica Lambert, motion carried.

c. Policy 102 – Complaints/Grievances – Policy 102 was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
   - Motion to approve Policy 102 as written by Ms. Barbara Fuselier, seconded by Ms. Rachel Becnel, motion carried.

d. Policy 108 – Annual Management Program Analysis Report (AMPAR) – Policy 108 was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
   - Motion to approve Policy 108 as written by Ms. Rachel Becnel, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.

e. Policy 109 – HIPAA Privacy – Policy 109 was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
   - Motion to approve Policy 109 as written by Ms. Rachel Becnel, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.

f. Policy 110 – Legal Services - Policy 110 was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
   - Motion to approve Policy 110 as written by Ms. Rachel Becnel, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.

g. Policy 117 – Risk Management/Compliance - Policy 117 was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
   - Motion to approve Policy 117 as written by Ms. Rachel Becnel, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.

h. Policy 121 – Research - Policy 121 was reviewed and no changes were suggested.
   - Motion to approve Policy 121 as written by Ms. Rachel Becnel, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.

<u>Fiscal Report</u>: Janelle Folse

- <u>Act 587 – Cash Management/Escrow</u>: Ms. Folse reviewed the Cash Management/Escrow Report as of March 31, 2026. The report includes local accounts and escrow activities - SCLHSA Account, Medicare/Medicaid Account, Imprest Fund, Employee Social Affairs Committee Account, Designated Funds and LDH on behalf of SCLHSA.
- <u>Monthly Budget Summary (January)</u>: Ms. Folse reviewed the FY 25-26 Budget Analysis for November as of 11/30/2025, and December as of 12/31/2025, including projected revenues/expenditures and the Legislative Appropriated Budget.
- <u>Revenue Report (January)</u>: Ms. Folse reviewed the FY25-26 Revenue Report for November as of 11/30/2025, and December as of 12/31/2025.
   - Ms. Barbara Fuselier motioned to approve the FY 25-26 Budget Analysis for January as of 1/31/2026, seconded by Dr. Eric Melancon, motion carried.
   - Dr. Eric Melancon motions to approve the FY25-26 Revenue Report for January as of 1/31/2026, seconded by Ms. Barbara Fuselier, motion carried.

<u>Operational Report</u>: Misty Hebert

- <u>BH Program Updates</u>: Ms. Hebert will give a BH Program update at the May Board Meeting.
- <u>CARF Survey</u>: Ms. Hebert reported this is a CARF year and we should receive the application sometime in May/June 2026. We are reviewing/updating policies in preparation. More news to come.

Developmental Disabilities	• Bureau Justice Affairs Grant: Ms. Hebert reported this is the Public Safety and MH Treatment Grant that we collaborated on with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office to assist in opening up a BH Urgent Care in Thibodaux, LA. Our Grant writer submitted the application on Friday. We should know something within two (2) months. • Certified Community BH Grant (CCBHC) update: Ms. Hebert have an update on CCBHC. This is through SAMSHA through the Federal Government. The state is moving to implement the model through Medicaid, which provides a specialized payment rate designed to cover the true cost of expanding services. A core requirement is a 24/7 crisis intervention services, this is where the BH Urgent Care in Thibodaux would be beneficial. Terrebonne Parish Crisis Meetings: Ms. Hebert discussed the recent Terrebonne Parish Crisis Meetings. LSU, Start and GCSS participate in the meetings where we work to come up with a crisis mapping on how we can collaborate, allowing each agency to do what they do best in dealing with a crisis. We meet again next week. Developmental Disabilities Report: Kensie Lasseigne • Act 378 Budget: Ms. Lasseigne reviewed the OCDD Act 378 Program Report for FY26 Q3 Expenditures to for each LGE. How much SGF we are responsible to spend down at 9% on DD services. We are doing good, expended amount is at 66%. We have more funds obligated to spend on services, they are not paid out yet. • DD Council Meeting: Ms. Lasseigne discussed at the recent DD Council Meeting they were required to report how IFS funds are being spent. Ms. Lasseigne discussed their report included custom lifting devices, versus typical ramps, for homes with higher elevations. They sent a child to a special camp. They also included request for "cubby beds," which cost close to $14,000.
Old Business:	None
New Business:	• Board Self-Evaluation – Board members were asked to complete the Board Self-Evaluations and return at our next scheduled meeting.
Views and Comments by the Public	• Dana Wilkosz, MPH, Overdose Response Strategy Ms. Wilkosz is the Louisiana Public Health Analyst for the CDC Foundation's Overdose Response Strategy Program. The ORS is a National Partnership between Public Health and Public Safety that's focused on reducing fatal and non-fatal overdoses. Ms. WIlkosz gave a presentation on data for the region to include drug overdose and drug seizure, some trends that they are seeing and some possible response aspects.
Consideration of Other Matters	• Board Meeting Schedule: The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 @ 6:00pm at the Administration office – 158 Regal Row.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Ms. Barbara Fuselier, seconded by Ms. Erica Lambert, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.