

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 25, 2014
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at the District office. The meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm.

Board members in attendance were: Polly Campbell, Dr. Petrice Sams-Abiodun and Robin Pannagl. Board members not in attendance were: Dr. Joe Constans, Dr. Emily Clark and Charlotte Parent. A quorum was not present therefore no official business was conducted.

Staff members present were: Yolanda Webb, Dr. Charlotte Cunliffe, Dr. Katherine Smith, Christy Ross, David Timoll, Eric Odom, Meghan Ferris , Olivia Mills and Sally Hays.

Chair's Report: Ms. Campbell shared that she recently attended a St. Bernard parish community meeting related to substance abuse reduction services for youth. She also mentioned that MHSD has been asked to speak at the next community coalition meeting.

Executive Director's Report: Ms. Webb reported on her work over the last several months. She mentioned that she has been meeting with the City to discuss behavioral health coordination in New Orleans. She also shared that she met with the City's Health and EMS departments to discuss the direction of a Crisis Stabilization and Sobering Center located in New Orleans. In addition, she attended a meeting about a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), a VA conference on mental health, and a regional leadership retreat.

Eric Odom, MHSD's Mental Health Services Regional Director, provided an over view and update of MHSD's adult behavioral health services.

CFO's Report: Dr. Cunliffe presented a report on recent activities related to fiscal matters including the close of fiscal year 2014, updates related to MHSD's fiscal spin off from DHH and fiscal year 2015, and the budget preparation process for fiscal year 2016.

Parish Reports: Ms. Pannagl shared that a new hospital in Plaquemines parish is scheduled to open at the end of September.

Other Business: In accordance with the Board's monitoring calendar, reports related to financial conditions and activities were shared with Board members. Specifically it was noted that MHSD had an exit conference with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on September 19, 2014 where a draft audit report indicated no findings. When the official audit report is released it will be shared with the Board.

A resolution to hire outside counsel to provide legal services to MHSD clients was presented to Board members, to be voted on at the next meeting.

Ms. Campbell stated that MHSD is providing 4% performance adjustments to eligible MHSD employees effective October 1, 2014, and that for Ms. Webb to be eligible for this adjustment, MHSD's Board will have to vote to approve the adjustment at the next meeting.

Invitation for Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm.