



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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AAHSD Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2023

Meeting held at 302 Dulles Dr. Lafayette, LA. 70506. Auditorium #4.

Members Present: Elizabeth West, Chair (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish); Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); Quinta Thompson, Vice-Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); and Darce` Byrd (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish).

Members Absent: Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Carla JeanBatiste, Secretary (St. Martin Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); and Vacant (Evangeline Parish).

Others in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

A quorum was present and Board Chair, Elizabeth West, called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

- **The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chair, Elizabeth West, and recited by attendees.**
- **Roll call performed**
- **Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments**
 - No members of the public are present.
- **Notice of the meeting was posted and a copy of the Open Meetings Law was available.**
- **Consent Agenda Items**
 - **Minutes – April 17, 2023**
 - **Program reports**
 - A motion was made by Carol Broussard and seconded by Quinta Thompson to approve and accept the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Comments from the Chair:**
 - **Board Advocacy Reports:** None
 - **Agenda calendar item:**
 - i. **Members' Code of Conduct, Ethics, Conflict of Interest (2.6)** – Members are asked to sign and return to the Administrative Assistant for filing;
 - ii. **Member self-evaluation and Code of Ethics forms distributed** – Members are asked to complete the forms and return to Elizabeth West, Chair.

- **Comments from the Executive Director:**
 - **CCBHC update** – Updates given by the ED. Progress is going well and is on schedule. A copy of the Community Needs Assessment Executive Summary has been distributed to all Board members; AAHSD signed two (2) of the contracts as part of the CCBHC, one with the Tri-West Consulting Group and the other with UL, Project Evaluator. Tynese Breaux recently attended the NATCON 23 conference and starting to collect data.
 - **Legislative session:** The Legislative session is ongoing. No major concerns for AAHSD.
 - **Supervisor training session** – AAHSD recently held an all-day training session with all supervisors and clinic managers in attendance, focusing on Leadership Development and Workforce Development and went very well. Will schedule additional trainings in the future.
 - May is Mental Health Awareness month, ED participated in the State rally on 5/4/2023, and ED recently appeared on the Lafayette City Marshall’s television show with a Q & A regarding Mental Health. AAHSD – Lafayette location, hosted a Behavioral Health Fair with various vendors offering information, along with the public in attendance, and went well. Tyler Behavioral Health Clinic will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness day on May 26, 2023.
 - **LBHU discussion** - AAHSD received notification recently that Ochsner Lafayette General Behavioral Health Unit would be closing at their current location next to our office and moving to a new location. ED requested a meeting with LDH as to their plans for occupancy of that part of the building.
 - **Addiction project CEA update:** ED discussed the updates on the project and is currently under review. ED noted that AAHSD has received two public records requests from two different reporters, one requesting information for contracts and agreements for a specific time period and the other request is regarding the addiction project. ED will respond to the public records request appropriately through AAHSD’s attorney.

- **The Board Chair announced the meeting date of June 19, 2023 is rescheduled for Monday, June 26, 2023 at 3:15 pm. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted. All Board members will be notified via email of the date change. The Bylaws Committee will meet immediately after the regular Board meeting on June 26, 2023.**

- **Motion to adjourn is made by Carol Broussard, and seconded by Quinta Thompson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.**

Submitted by: 

Carla Jean Batiste, AAHSD Board Secretary