



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 19, 2021**

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

**Members Present:** Elizabeth West (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Quinta Thompson (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); and Mitch Pellerin (Evangeline Parish)

**Members Absent:** John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); and David Merrill (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish)

***\*Vacancies\*(St. Martin Parishes)***

**Others in Attendance:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Tosha Latiolais, Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Stelly, Director of Human Resource; Yancey Mire, Director of Behavioral Health Services and Troy Abshire, Director of Developmental Disabilities

1. A quorum was present and the meeting called to order 3:16 p.m. by Janise Hardy.
2. Notice of the meeting was posted and copy of Open Meeting Law was available. One audience member of the public was present.
3. A motion was made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Elizabeth West to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Topic 1 Executive Limit: Executive Director Succession (Pol 1.6)
4. Recognition of Members of the Public: Kay Irby was present to conduct in-service training, observe the meeting, and give feedback to the Board.
5. Comments from the Chair:
  - Asked that all members please turn in their signed Code of Ethics; Code of Conduct; and Conflict of Interest Summary Statement and Annual Consent Form.
  - Topic 1 Board Advocacy Reports
    - Mitch Pellerin was appointed by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury to the Board. Janise Hardy welcomed Mitch Pellerin as a new board member and asked all other members to introduce themselves.

- Topic 2 Board Development

- Janise Hardy discussed the need for the Board to concentrate on Board Development and be a more cohesive group. She advised that she would like to ensure that the Board continues to run smooth once her last year as a board member has expired. Janise Hardy advised members that Kay Irby will be conducting in-service trainings for board members at the scheduled meetings as part of Board Development.

6. Public Comments/Input: Kay Irby advised the Board of her past and present work experience, which includes previously working for Louisiana Association for Non-profit Organizations for 14 years. Kay Irby conducted Policy Governance training with the board members and provided them with information that explains the importance of serving on the board and speaking as “One Voice” as a Board.

7. Comments from the Executive Director:

- Topic 1 Grants Update

- Community Integrated Health Network grant has been submitted.
- Signed a MOU with Beacon Community Connections and the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District part of Criminal Justice and Mental Health collaborate effort to work with the courts.
- Working on a MOU with Lafayette Police Department. One of the initiatives is to be a year’s worth of planning and 2 years of Mental Health Professionals doing ride-along with officers on some of their calls to do screening and crisis triage.
- Agreed to participate in and be a support agency for Beacon and Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness. They will be submitting a grant for housing people with complex medical and behavioral health needs.
- AAHSD was approved for the Block Grants that were submitted. The funds will be used for installation of Wifi and boosters in all clinic locations to assist with telehealth service provision and risk management, purchase additional web cams, headsets, enhancements in electronic health records, new phone system for the entire district which will include call and text reminders, brochures for substance abuse, mental health and COVID, technical assistance to address diversity, equity, and inclusion to increase accessibility and effectiveness of services, technical assistance and staff training on Evidence Based Practices by bringing in people, Board training and development, additional testing kits and instruments for substance abuse protocols, hire and train additional peer support specialists, increase coverage in each clinic by at least 15 hours per week, purchasing Narcan, a detailed media campaign, and a Mobile Outreach Crisis Unit (RV) to be able to respond to crisis out in the community.

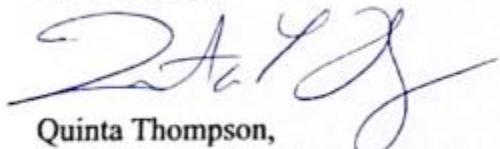
○ Topic 2 Program Update

- Funding for a new program AAHSD just signed a contract with to help start and support a program for the entire district for women and children residential substance abuse treatment.
- Mobile Crisis Outreach related to the Opioid grant program has been finalized. The group is currently advertising and trying to hire staff now to run this program.
- One of AAHSD's vendors is now the new provider in the Lafayette Judicial District for outpatient services related to drug court clients. May extend a contract to them to help support their program and general population that may not be able to access funding for those needed services.

8. Next meeting to be conducted August 16, 2021. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.

9. Motion to adjourn by Carol Broussard and seconded by Elizabeth West. Meeting adjourned 5:19 pm.

Submitted by:



Quinta Thompson,  
AAHSD Board Secretary