



AAHSD Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024

Meeting held at 302 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506 in Auditoriums 2 & 3.

Members present: Richard Landry (Vermilion Parish); Bambi Polotzola, (St. Landry Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); Carla JeanBatiste, Vice-Chair (St. Martin Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); and Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish).

Members absent: Elizabeth West, Secretary (Governor Appointee/Evangeline Parish); Darce` Byrd (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); Quinta Thompson, Chair (Governor Appointee/Lafayette Parish); and Sydia Robin (Evangeline Parish).

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

Public Notices and Agendas posted at the AAHSD clinics and on the website. Open meeting laws are available.

1. Call to order at 3:29 pm.
 - a. Meeting Objective(s):
 - a. Conduct business per approved agenda calendar
 - b. Address any new business as needed
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Vice-Chair, Carla JeanBatiste and recited by attendees.
3. Roll call performed by Carla JeanBatiste, Vice-Chair, noting a quorum was present.
4. Recognition of Members of the Public / Public Comments – No members of the public were present.
5. Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Minutes:
 - a. January regular Board meeting
 - b. Program reports:
 - Motion made by John Stefanski, and seconded by Bambi Polotzola to approve and accept the minutes as printed and Consent Agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Comments from Chair:

- a. Board advocacy reports – Carla JeanBatiste shared with the Board the decision on teleconference/open meetings law policies of the St. Martin Parish Council and discussed with their attorney. Discussions held as to how various parishes are spending the opioid funding/settlement monies.
- b. Agenda Calendar items
 - i. Executive Limits Pol 1.8: Compensation and Benefits (pg 11)
 1. Board vote – accept or not accept Executive Director Report
 - Motion made by John Stefanski, and seconded by Yasmin Welch to accept the Executive Director report as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Comments from Executive Director:

- a. CCBHC update:
 - Indicated doing well with CCBHC efforts.
 - Discussed the expansion of staff throughout the district.
 - Explained the adjustment in Peer Support service hours.
 - Informed the Board that ED and Tynese Breaux, Practice Manager/Project Director, CCBHC, along with our external evaluator from UL, will be attending a mandatory meeting hosted by SAMHSA for CCBHC-E Program Regional In-Person Grantees in New Orleans in mid-May 2024.
 - AAHSD will be hosting the Louisiana CCBHC Learning Collaborative, contract through OBH and with National Council.
- b. Same Day Access update:
 - ED reports numbers from January 8, 2024 through February 16, 2024, noting during those first two (2) weeks all AAHSD locations closed for a scheduled holiday on January 15, 2024, and closed on January 16, 2024 due to inclement weather, which equals to a 5 ½ week period. AAHSD conducted three hundred nineteen (319) assessments (not scheduled & no waiting time) with a licensed Mental Health professional, admitted two hundred ninety-seven (297) new clients and the program is going well.
 - Adjustments are being made on an as needed basis for SDA service hours.
 - Carol Broussard shared with the ED and the Board that she informed the Iberia Parish Council of the SDA services hours.
 - ED informed the Board the SDA service hours will be posted on the AAHSD website.
 - ED informed the Board that some recently retired Mental Health professionals from our system will be re-employed on a WAE status to only complete assessments, and their hours will vary.
 - The SDA service hours will be shared with various public officials (i.e., court officials, Judge's offices, etc.) in our district.

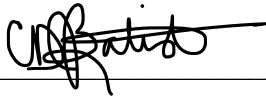
- c. Crisis services update:
 - ED will attend a meeting on March 4, 2024 regarding Adult crisis services.
 - The Child & Adolescent crisis services program (part of the state system) has been awarded to The Extra Mile and are attending training for this program.
- d. Board refresher training: Kay Irby, AAHSD Board liaison will attend the March 18, 2024 regular Board meeting and will conduct refresher training immediately after the regular Board meeting on March 18, 2024.
- e. Open Meetings Law update: Referring to the handout in the Board members' folders, ED is considering adding an additional reference on the agenda as to ADA meeting accommodations when published on the Board & AAHSD websites. The Board needs to adopt a policy to determine an accessible forum (i.e. Zoom, phone, etc.), to meet ADA meeting accommodations in compliance with the Open Meetings Laws. ED will prepare a draft policy to present to the Board for their consideration.

Additional comments from the Executive Director:

ED mentioned LCG is considering re-organizing a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council within our community.

- 8. Next meeting:
 - a. March 18, 2024
 - The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024.
 - Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.
- 9. Adjournment:
 - Motion to adjourn made by Carol Broussard, and seconded by Richard Landry. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Submitted by: _____



Carla JeanBatiste, AAHSD Board Vice-Chair