



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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Acadiana Area Human Services District

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom teleconference/call pursuant to Louisiana Governor Edwards' Executive Order JBE-2020-30

May 18, 2020

Members Present: Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Quinta Thompson (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); David Merrill (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish); Alison Boudreaux (St. Martin Parish); Elizabeth West (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish);

Members Absent: John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); Mike Fontenot (Evangeline Parish)

Employees: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Takiyah Milton, Administrative Assistant,

Others: Karen Wyble, Lafayette General Hospital

Vacancies:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Call to order by Janise Hardy, at 3:17 p.m.
Roll Call	8 board members virtually present	
Quorum	8 board members virtually present	Chair announced a Quorum virtually present.
Approval of the Consent Agenda for May 18, 2020 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. February minutes b. Agenda Calendar Item <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance Process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member's Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Conflict of Interest (Policy 2.6) b. Board Job Description (Policy 2.3) 	Janise Hardy explained that these policies are for Board members to review. Micah Moscovis/Elizabeth West moved/seconded approval of the Consent Agenda for April 20, 2020.	Motion passed unanimously

Solicit Public Comment Requests	Public Notices were posted at the AAHSD clinics and on the website. Open meeting laws are available.	
Public Comments/Input	Karen Wyble with Lafayette General Hospital in the position of Rural Healthcare Workforce Development discussed having a working relationship with the Acadiana Area Human Services District and future collaboration.	
<p>Comments from Executive Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Covid-19 response and actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Re-opening clinic/transition plan ii. Staff training programs iii. Emergency shelter coverage b. PAX program update (Evangeline Parish schools) c. Legislative session update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Fiscal exercise update d. Children's services update 	<p>Brad Farmer discussed that he held a meeting with senior managers on May 12th to review the reopening of the clinics following the completion of Phase I. As of now, none of the buildings are open to the public and only a few employees are on the premises at any time. Telehealth is the primary source of care at this time. Brad detailed the wristband screening system that is in place at all AAHSD buildings for anyone allowed inside, and the person's temperature is checked each time they leave and return to the building. Also, all employees are required to wear a mask in all common areas. Brad stated that they are following all CDC guidelines and keeping other employees informed through email. The Governor's order for Phase I is set to expire on June 5th, but may be extended. LDH is encouraging the continued use of staff working from home and telehealth through this phase. Brad said that the number of patients being seen by clinicians has increased with the start of telehealth. Information about the pandemic is being monitored daily by Brad and the board will be updated as needed.</p> <p>Staff who work with Developmental Disabilities were able to complete training in behavioral health to increase their understanding of their clients' needs. Other in-person trainings have been delayed due to Covid.</p> <p>Brad said that staff with AAHSD continues to rotate shifts at Chicot State Park which has been designated as an emergency shelter to house quarantined individuals in Regions 4, 5,</p>	

	<p>and 6. The shifts last 24 hours a day for two days at a time. So far, 10 rounds of rotation have been completed. Recently the shelter received an influx of quarantined individuals and services will be extended until at least June.</p> <p>The PAX program training continues virtually and will continue next school year to include Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes.</p> <p>The legislative session has begun. Brad stated that he has already participated in several exercises that includes cuts to the budget. As of now, he does not expect the budget to be cut significantly.</p> <p>Brad informed the board that Amber Hebert has been hired as the new Children's Coordinator, and that they are working on new services that will be provided to children. He said that he has been participating with VOAD on a Child Wellness Committee and that they are close to securing a child psychologist for telehealth. Brad stated that children service numbers have increased within the last year. Carol Broussard requested a breakdown of numbers of the services for children by their age. Brad also mentioned that he will be participating in a grant to prevent suicide in domestic violent situations.</p>	
<p>Comments from Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board advocacy reports b. Board Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect comments on Executive Director Performance 2. Board member self-evaluation distributed 	<p>Nothing was reported in advocacy.</p> <p>Janise Hardy instructed all board members to send their completed ED performance evaluations to the secretary to be compiled into a report. She also requested that the board self-evaluation be sent to her for review.</p>	
<p>Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, June 22, 2020 @ 3:15 pm.</p>	<p>Date and Time: Monday, June 22, 2020 @ 3:15 pm</p> <p>Location: Tyler BHC 302 Dulles Drive</p>

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Adjournment	Elizabeth West/ Yasmin Welch moved/seconded adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:02p.m.
Submitted by Secretary		Secretary, AAHSD Board of Directors

