



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

Tyler Behavioral Health Clinic

June 22, 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: Jennifer Stelly, Director of Human Resources; Karen Wyble, Lafayette General Hospital

Vacancies:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Call to order by Janise Hardy, at 3:18 p.m.
Roll Call	8 board members personally present	
Quorum	8 board members personally present	Chair announced a Quorum present.
Approval of the Consent Agenda for June 22, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. May minutes b. Agenda Calendar Item <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Limit: Treatment of Consumers (Policy 1.2) 2. Board – ED Linkage: Monitoring of Executive Director (Policy 3.5) 	Elizabeth West/Quinta Thompson moved/seconded approval of the Consent Agenda for June 22, 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 discussed ongoing Covid-19 testing currently being provided throughout the community. Karen stated that over 1500 tests had already been completed this week in St. Martin Parish and that they were beginning to see some hot spots in some of the testing locations.	
<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 clinics / transition plan ii. Emergency shelter coverage b. Legislative session update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Fiscal exercises update ii. Means of Finance (MOF) swap and CARES Act funding c. Annual Management Report review – <i>Board Business</i> d. Cultural Diversity team e. Children’s services update 	<p>Brad Farmer made the Board aware of a recent article that was published in Lifestyle Magazine providing information about the clinics. He then discussed COVID updates and clinic procedures. Everyone who enters any of the buildings will be screened at the door at every entry even when returning from a break/lunch. Senior managers met to plan when to begin implementing face to face sessions and bringing back staff. OBH is attempting to keep telehealth exemptions available at least until the end of hurricane season, and one of the exemptions is that you do not have to have a video component. Brad expects to change over time. Governor Edwards has extended Phase 2 for another 28 days, so they will not rush to bring back staff that are not required to be in person at the clinics. However, clinic managers are available at all clinics five days a week.</p> <p>Brad stated that two state camps housing quarantined patients will close and Chicot State Park will remain open to accept patients throughout Louisiana. They are scheduled to remain open at least until the end of August. AAHSD continues to provide behavioral health support for this project and will have at least 12 more rotations.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities staff began a program that participates with the ARC to have their consumers who participate in day programs do a 3 day virtual course.</p> <p>Brad discussed that the Legislative session is</p>	

	<p>scheduled to end at the end of June. Previously each LGE was required to participate in fiscal exercise that involved preparing a 15% cut to the current budget (a 2.2 million dollar reduction). Through the CARES Act the State has been able limit the reduction to the budget to only 156,000 dollar reduction. Part of next year’s funding will be provided by the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.</p> <p>Brad discussed that there have trained 179 people in the ASIST program, and other trainings like CPP and Mental Health First Aid are on hold until a virtual option is made available. He also said that AAHSD received 100% compliance in Risk Management surveys and the Human Resources Department (specifically Jennifer Stelly) were acknowledged for their work.</p> <p>On Friday a nine group of volunteer staff met to form a Cultural Diversity Team and develop a plan of action moving forward. Brad stated that all members were self-selected, but that no senior managers had volunteered so he may appoint one to the group.</p> <p>Brad stated the new Children’s Coordinator is a Doctorate level social worker and will help serve adolescent clients. There is also another clinician in the hiring process for children services. The average age of adolescent clients is 13.06 years with 3.81 being youngest and 19.1 the oldest.</p>	
<p>Comments from Chair</p> <p>a. Board advocacy reports b. <i>Board Business</i> – Executive Session to discuss Executive Director performance review</p>	<p>Janise Hardy discussed the resignation of Mike Fontenot who represents Evangeline Parish.</p> <p>Micah Moscovis/David Merrill moved/seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session at 4:17 pm to discuss the Executive Director performance review.</p> <p>Elizabeth West/ Carol Broussard moved/seconded to move the meeting out of</p>	<p>Motion passed unanimously</p>

	Executive Session at 5:10 pm. Janise explained that the Executive Director will be retained at current rate of pay due to economic situation and will be reviewed in six months.	
Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting	Monday, July 20, 2020 @ 3:15 pm.	Date and Time: Monday, July 20, 2020 @ 3:15 pm Location: Tyler BHC 302 Dulles Drive Lafayette, LA 70506
Adjournment	David Merrill/Carol Broussard moved/seconded adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm
Submitted by Secretary		Secretary, AAHSD Board of Directors

