



# ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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### Board Meeting Minutes

#### New Iberia Behavioral Health Clinic

August 31, 2016

**Members Present:** Ryan Verret (St. Martin Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Claire Daly (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish); Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Elizabeth West (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); Darla Louviere (Iberia Parish);

**Members Absent:** Rob Eastin (Evangeline Parish); David Merrill (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish); Mary Neiheisel (Lafayette Parish); John Stefanski (Acadia Parish);

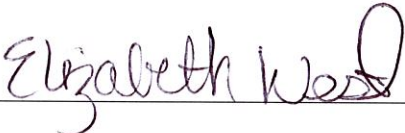
**Employees:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Monica Echeverria, Administrative Assistant; Yancey Mire, Director of Behavioral Health; Richard Landry, Director of Developmental Disabilities; Ellen Deaton, Iberia BHC Clinic Director; and Ed Bergeron; Medical Psychologist

**Others:** Gannon Watts, Susan Norris, Dean Wattigny, and Catherine Wattigny

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Call to order by Darla Louviere, Vice-Chair, at 3:40 p.m.
Roll Call	6 board members personally present.	
Quorum	6 board members personally present.	Secretary announced a Quorum present.
Approval of the Consent Agenda for August 31, 2016	Janise Hardy / Darla Louviere moved/seconded approval of the Consent Agenda for August 31, 2016.	Motion passed unanimously
Approval of the meeting minutes for July 20, 2016	Janise Hardy and Claire Daly requested changes in the wording of the July 20, 2016 minutes. Janise Hardy / Claire Daly moved/seconded to accept the amended minutes with the requested changes.	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	No public comments.	
Presentation: Iberia Mental Health Initiative	<p>Katherine Wattigny and Dean Wattigny presented the Board with information on their efforts to bring awareness of mental health to the public.</p> <p>Since October the Iberia Mental Health Initiative has gotten the parish government in Iberia Parish to declare the month of May Mental Health Month, had a series of articles published in the Daily Iberian, spoken on a local radio station to discuss some of the issues, and with the support of the Iberia Medical Center present a free public program recognizing and addressing areas of mental health concerns and the topic of maintaining mental illness. They also shared that they have begun working with the sheriff's office and Iberia Medical Center to work with prisoners.</p>	
Discussion: Program/District Performance Numbers	<p>Yancey Mire, Director of Behavioral Health presented data and numbers for clients seen for July 2016, admissions/discharges for July 2016, wait times as of August 1, 2016, and the number of clients seen by parish from December 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 as requested by the Board. Mire also informed the Board that they are working on cleaning their caseloads of charts to be able to determine an actual number of people being seen at each clinic. The same thing is being done to determine the actual number of individuals discharged from each clinic. He also shared that the wait time has been going down due to efficiently processing the demand for services.</p> <p>Richard Landry, Director of Developmental Disabilities Services, informed the Board that DD is impacting anywhere between 2,000 to 2,500 people.</p>	

	<p>He also shared that the Medicaid Waiver waitlist is years, but there are other programs, primarily State general fund programs, that allow DD to respond quickly in crisis situations.</p>	
<p>Comments from Ex. Director</p> <p>a. Flooding/Disaster Relief</p> <p>b. CARF 202</p> <p>c. Department of Health Visit</p>	<p>Brad Farmer informed the Board that a clinician was dedicated to the shelter set up at the Heymann Convention Center. Several referrals for the clinics were received, and those people were able to be worked in immediately.</p> <p>The Board was also informed that FEMA is starting a Crisis Counseling Program that AAHSD will be assisting them in. The goal is to get the first team in place by mid-September.</p> <p>The National Director of Behavioral Health for the third time came to provide CARF 202 training. All major health providers in the State are required to be nationally accredited in order to bill Medicaid. About 50 people from all over the state attended.</p> <p>Brad Farmer reported that the Louisiana Department of Health's visit to the Tyler Behavioral Clinic went well, and that he plans to invite the Deputy Secretary to a board meeting in the near future.</p>	
<p>Board Member Advocacy (Activity) Reports</p>	<p>Ryan Verret reported that Senator Fred Mills will be connecting him with the CEO at St. Martinville Hospital and with St. Martin Parish President Guy Cormier to talk about behavioral health and what needs to be done.</p>	
<p>Comments from Vice-Chair</p>	<p>The Vice-Chair had no comments.</p>	

Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting	Date and Time: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 @ 3:30pm  Location : Tyler BHC 302 Dulles Drive Lafayette, LA 70506	
Adjournment	Janise Hardy/ Claire Daly moved/ seconded adjournment.	Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm
Submitted by Secretary		Secretary, AAHSD Board of Directors