



**ACADIANA AREA
HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT**
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Acadiana Area Human Services District-Board Meeting Minutes

Tyler Mental Health Center

October, 27, 2014

Members Present: Georgie Blanchard (St. Martin Parish); Rob Eastin (Evangeline Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Patricia LaBrosse (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); Mary Neiheisel (Lafayette Parish); Amy Theobald (St. Landry Parish); Claire Daly (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish)

Members Absent: VACANT (Acadia Parish); VACANT (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); Kay Marcel (Iberia Parish) excused absence

Employees: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Jennifer Sonnier, Human Resources Analyst; Monica Echeverria; Natalie Theriot, Marketing Representative

Others:

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| Call to Order | | Call to order by Dr. Mary Neiheisel, Chair, at 6:15 p.m. |
| Roll Call | 7 board members personally present. | |
| Quorum | 7 board members personally present. | Chair announced a Quorum present. |
| Approval of September, 22, 2014 minutes | Janise Hardy/Amy Theobald moved/seconded approval of the September 22, 2014 minutes as presented. | Motion passed unanimously. |
| Solicit Public Comment Requests | None | |
| Public Comments/Input | Open meeting laws available. No public comments | |
| Staff Introductions | Monica Echeverria and Natalie Theriot were introduced. | |


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| <p>c. Board Business</p> <p>i. Convene Nominating Committee</p> | <p>Nominating Committee: Rob Eastin has agreed to Chair the Nominating committee. Claire Daly and Janise Hardy were asked to serve, agreed and were appointed by the chair. Members may nominate themselves.</p> <p>Brad Farmer mentioned we are currently seeking board replacements and are in contact with parish offices regarding our vacant board members.</p> <p>Georgie Blanchard asked about the ballot and voting. The nominating committee will present a slate in November, the voting will be in December, and new officers will take office in January 2015.</p> | |
| <p>Unfinished Business</p> <p>a. Ad Hoc committee report (Mission Statement) – Patricia LaBrosse</p> | <p>Patricia LaBrosse discussed the Mission Development committee and shared the results of her survey. The committee members are Patricia LaBrosse, chair, Mary Neiheisel and Kay Marcel.</p> <p>Brad Farmer received mission statements from five (5) of his peers. The statements were compiled and sent out to board members on October 21, 2014. Patricia LaBrosse emailed a survey for board members and received responses from six of eight members. She requested that everyone complete the survey form.</p> <p>The committee members may use conference calls or a Tyler Auditorium for committee meetings.</p> <p>Amy Theobald and Georgie Blanchard both agreed that the mission statement should be ten (10) words or less.</p> <p>The committee will work on the mission statement and submit to the board for approval.</p> | |

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| Comments from Ex. Director | <p>a. New staff introductions</p> <p>Monica Echeverria is the new Administrative Assistant 5. She has worked for a Developmental Disabilities provider in the past and has experience working with the boards. She has experience similar to duties as indicated in the current Administrative Assistant 5 position.</p> <p>Natalie Theriot is our new Marketing Representative 1. She will be attending the health fairs, professional meetings in the community, and different events –to talk about AAHSD. She understands web-based information and can keep us informed about the community activities, etc.</p> <p>The new employees will be visiting the clinics so they can meet with employees.</p> <p>Patricia LaBrosse mentioned the health fair at Dautrieve Health Fair recently in New Iberia was beautifully set up with our table drape and brochures.</p> <p>b. DHH contract extension is under revision and we are still working off of an extension.</p> <p>c. Recent audit report and news coverage</p> <p>Brad Farmer discussed the Audit report; his discussion with a reporter from the Advocate; and distributed a copy of the article to board members.</p> | |

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| | <p>d. LaPFS Program is a new program called the LA Partnership for Success. It is a state applied for federal grant which provides substance abuse services for Children and Adolescents. In our region, they chose St. Landry parish as they have a high need for services in that area. This grant is additional funding for that parish only. The program lasts for 5 years and issued \$100,000 for the first year.</p> <p>Brad Farmer will forward information to Amy Theobald who represents St. Landry parish on our Board. Reverend Fontenot will be the lead in that program.</p> <p>e. Agenda Calendar – draft Brad Farmer prepared a three year calendar to begin in January 2015. Some issues are annuals and some are every 3 years. The calendar would require a vote in 2016 and 2017. At the end of three years, the calendar will be reviewed and modified if necessary. Semi-annual information is in green; annual information is in yellow; and others are listed by the month. The draft presented by Brad Farmer should be reviewed by board members and the vote will be taken in January.</p> <p>Patricia LaBrosse mentioned the Strategic planning listed on the calendar in January and asked for clarification (Operational planning worked on by staff). Discussion followed.</p> <p>Georgie Blanchard said she approved of</p> | |

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| | <p>the new calendar and said it would help to keep new board members informed.</p> <p>Mary Neiheisel thanked Brad Farmer for his work in organizing the calendar.</p> <p>Amy Theobald shared her approval on the calendar and commented on how easy it is to read.</p> <p>Brad Farmer asked the board if they would like for him to continue to bring speakers to the meeting for discussions. General consensus was that speakers were informative and appreciated.</p> <p>Patricia LaBrosse asked for Magellan to participate again as it was very informative.</p> <p>Claire Daly asked about the RFP for the SMO (Magellan). There was discussion that other companies are going to apply to participate in the RFP process once Magellan's two year contract ends. In the spring an RFP for the DD may move in to a managed system of care.</p> <p>Claire Daly asked if we see an improvement in services and recent changes with Clinical Advisor and Magellan. Brad Farmer mentioned that our district is looking at a new ER (electronic record) system and so are some of the other districts. Care Logic System and others in addition to funding after the 1st of the 2015 year are being explored. Changes are needed to the systems as the current CA (Clinical</p> | |

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| | <p>Advisor) system is not running properly and not giving us the numbers needed for our reports, payments and data.</p> | |
| <p>Comments from Chair</p> | <p>Mary Neiheisel passed around a thank you card from Joyce Ben.</p> <p>She congratulated AAHSD Team for the \$ raised for NAMI.</p> <p>Board members had agreed to support the Christmas party for children at Tyler and Mary Neiheisel reported that Tynese Breaux said an unwrapped gift would be welcome. Gifts should be brought to the November meeting and will be given to the children served by AAHSD.</p> <p>Mary Neiheisel participated in the domestic violence fair this month which was a success. She handed out candy and had AAHSD brochures on hand as well.</p> <p>Faith House has initiated the campaign "No more violence; no more silence" and are seeking partners and sponsors for this program. Mary Neiheisel would like for someone from Faith House to come for a presentation at the November meeting. Board agreed. Mary Neiheisel will contact Faith House for a representative for the November meeting.</p> <p>Claire Daly will be absent at the November meeting.</p> | |
| <p>Date and location of Next Meeting</p> | <p>Monday, November 17, 2014</p> | <p>Date and Time: Monday, November 17, 2014. Location : Tyler Mental Health Center – 302 Dulles Drive, Auditorium 2, Lafayette, LA</p> |

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| Adjournment | Georgie Blanchard/Amy Theobald moved/seconded adjournment. | Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. |
| Submitted by Secretary | |  Secretary, AAHSDB |