

JEFFERSON PARISH HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
EAST JEFFERSON TRAINING ROOM  
3616 S. I-10 Service Rd. W., Suite 200  
Metairie, Louisiana 70001

Monday, March 7, 2022

JPHSA Board Members in Attendance:

Alan Carroll	Bruce Galbraith	Patricia Ehrle
Robin Parker Brooks	Shawnta Gardener-Taylor	Alex Redfearn

JPHSA Board Members Absent:

James Arey

Staff in Attendance:

Rosanna DiChiro Derbes, Executive Director  
Tammy Valenti, CAA

Guests in Attendance:

Darrell Renfro, Prospective Board Member

Ms. Gardener-Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Order, Attendance, Introduction of Visitors, Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked staff members and guest in attendance to introduce themselves.

Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Galbraith made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Required Approvals Agenda

A. February Minutes – Ms. Ehrle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented prior to the meeting. Ms. Redfearn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

4. Board Education.

A. Executive Director Update – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported as follows:

- Crisis Receiving Center – Dr. DiChiro Derbes informed the Board the LDH is rolling out different levels of crisis services across Louisiana that will be Medicaid reimbursable. She reported JPHSA would have to apply to provide these services in Jefferson Parish. Dr. DiChiro Derbes stated it would be a Crisis Receiving Center and would be a combined effort with the Coroner and the Sheriff's office. She stated she has been meeting with elected officials regarding the possibility of obtaining a building to house the center. She said, the State is moving forward whether JPHSA provides the service or not. A discussion followed.

- Volunteers of America Panel – Dr. DiChiro Derbes informed the Board she received an invitation to participate on a panel discussion on needs for mental health and addictive disorder services in the community. She stated this is a way for community partners to participate and have an impact for individuals served and the community. Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported social deterrents have an effect on mental health and addictive disorders. A discussion followed.

B. JeffCare Board Update – Mr. Carroll gave a report on the JeffCare Board meeting held on February 15, 2022. He stated there were presentations of the UDS report and the 340B report and a discussion on issues with pharmaceutical invoices. Mr. Carroll informed the Board JeffCare hired a new revenue cycle manager to expedite billing and reduce collection time. A discussion followed.

## 5. Monitoring Executive Director Performance

A. Consultant and Contract Work Monitoring Report – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Consultant and Contract Work monitoring report. Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked the Board if they assessed the interpretation of the monitoring report to be a reasonable interpretation of the policy. The Board affirmed they did. Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked for a motion to accept the interpretation of the policy as reasonable. Ms. Redfearn made a motion to accept the interpretation as reasonable for the Consultant and Contract Work monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Parker Brooks. Passed unanimously.

Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked the Board if they felt the data presented in the monitoring report indicated compliance with the interpretation presented. The Board affirmed they did. Ms. Gardener-Taylor asked for a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance with this policy. Mr. Galbraith made a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance for the Consultant and Contract Work monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Redfearn. Passed unanimously.

## 6. Monitoring Board Performance

A. Board Self-evaluation – Mr. Galbraith volunteered to complete the Board self-evaluation.

B. Policy Review – Cost of Governance – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Cost of Governance policy. Mr. Galbraith opened the discussion regarding the use of the word “poor” in the first sentence of the policy. Ms. Ehrle made a motion to change the word “poor” to “ineffective”. Dr. Parker Brooks seconded. Passed unanimously.

Attendance – Ms. Gardener-Taylor opened discussion on the Attendance policy. There were no changes to this policy.

C. Recruitment – Ms. Valenti stated Ms. Gardener-Taylor’s re-appointment for another three-year term would be on the Parish Council’s agenda at their March 9 meeting.

Ms. Valenti then reported the open positions on the Board. She stated the Board now has openings in two Addictive Disorders, Professional position, Addictive Disorders, Advocacy, Developmental Disabilities, Professional position, and a Judiciary position.

D. Annual Retreat Planning – Ms. Valenti stated she will contact a consulting firm to get a quote for a one day Policy Governance Model introductory training for the Board retreat.

## 7. Announcements

A. Board Generated Items – Mr. Galbraith suggest the Board engage with the community by attending civic association meetings or other types of community events. He proposed getting help from the Public

Information Director to provide a power point presentation the Board could use at these meetings. A discussion followed. Mr. Galbraith also suggested the Board members get business cards to hand out when meeting with the community.

**B. Next Board meeting – The next meeting of the Board is on Monday, April 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at JPHSA’s East Jefferson Building, 3616 S. I-10 Service Rd., W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room, Metairie, LA 70001.**

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Ms. Ehrle seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

  
SHA WNTA GARDENER-TAYLOR  
Board Chairperson