

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

December 11, 2018

NEDHSA Administrative Offices

2513 Ferrand Street, Monroe, LA 71201

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Michael Shipp and prayer was led by Dr. Monteic Sizer and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of November 13: A Motion was made by Alisa Lear and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Mike Shipp, Latanya Whiteside, Yvonne Lewis, Thelma Merrells, Dr. E. H. Baker and Alisa Lear

Absent: None

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer, Johnathon Robert and Delores Harris

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

Dr. Sizer presented during U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy's Mental Health Summit, and reports it was well received.

CIT training will re-start with regional law enforcement and first responders. There will be a special CIT initiative to take place in Lincoln Parish. Lincoln Parish Police Jury members and law enforcement leaders will be involved.

Regional TV, radio and billboard ads are continuing to run to increase awareness of NEDHSA and agency initiatives.

State agencies are audited every two years per statute, and NEDHSA's fiscal audit has started. The official letter should come late December or early January 2019.

There will be prescription take back events held regionally beginning 2019 in Richland, Morehouse, Madison and Franklin Parishes. Law enforcement and local officials will be invited.

There will be a RFP announced for our transitional housing dollars in January 2019. We are looking to develop a stronger housing continuum of care with regional housing organizations. Current patients will receive housing priority once an agency selection is made. Neither treatment nor the housing of our current patients will be interrupted during this time.

Operation Golden Years and our Faith Partnership Initiative are coming along well.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal data, a Motion made by Alisa Lear and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept the ED report, documentation and Fiscal reports as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Planning & Budgeting/Financial Condition and Activities – *With respect to the actual, ongoing financial condition and activities, the ED shall not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from board priorities established in Ends policies.*

NEDHSA's FY18-19 appropriated budget is \$14,248,950. Our SGF = \$10,296,034. Our IAT = \$3,179,072. Self-generated = \$773,844

BOARD

Quarterly Board Training

Jonathan Robert, NEDHSA Clinic Manager/Columbia MH Clinic, presented the Board with current activities and development at the Columbia location. Community involvement, public awareness and education were explained. There is an amazing energy in Columbia. It emphasizes the need, and the Board's desire to have this parish represented.

Election of Officers – 2019

The Board Appointed a Nominating Committee for 2019 officers: Board member r- Alisa Lear. A Motion made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept the nominations... Motion passed unanimously.

- *Mike Shipp – Board Chair*
- *Dr. E. H. Baker – Vice Chair*
- *Latanya Whiteside – Secretary*
- *Yvonne Lewis - Treasurer*

Board MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Parish Outreach
- Board Members Terms/Renewal of Appointments -*New Board Member, Amanda Booth is expected to start her term in January, representing Union Parish. She will replace outgoing Board Member, Alisa Lear.*
- Travel Forms

ADJOURN by Yvonne Lewis and second by Dr. E. H. Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – January 8, 2019 - 5:30 pm

Ouachita Parish Health Unit – Community Room
1650 Desiard Street, Monroe, LA 71202