

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

February 22, 2023

Ouachita Parish Health Unit, Community Room, 1650 DeSiard Street, Monroe, LA. 71201

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Yvonne Lewis and prayer was led by Thelma Merrells and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Randy Williams to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of January 10, 2023: A Motion was made by Andy Bryan and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Thelma Merrells, Randy Williams, Dr. Tiffany Bates, Yvonne Lewis, Andy Bryan, Tasha Washington and Latanya Whiteside

Board Absent: Rev. Shawn Hornsby, Cynthia Mathes and Dr. Tony Young

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer 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

We had a great showing at our Sour Grapes psychodrama. We had about 600-750 people to attend.

Our prevention and wellness team conducted a responsible drinking training with local bar and restaurant owners. The goal was to help them prevent serving minors and to help reduce problem drinking.

We partnered with several regional school systems and sponsored more than 1,270 children and teens to learn about drug abuse and misuse. The children and teens also got a chance to learn about our Arts As Medicine Initiative, and tour the Northeast Louisiana African American Museum.

We are planning a meeting in Morehouse Parish to better understand the issues and challenges there in March. More information to come.

We chose 5 regional artists to produce artwork that reflects aspects of overcoming mental illness, addiction, and trauma. These pieces of art will be displayed at our upcoming downtown art crawl. The art will also be later displayed at regional museums.

We received a grant from the state to help identify and build operational capacity in regional nonprofits. These nonprofits will then help us further connect people to our mental health, addiction, developmental disability, and prevention and wellness services. These groups are to then become part of our regional safety-net service offerings.

I have established a regional training and professional development center at our new developmental disability building.

We are planning a cabaret style show at the Strauss Theater in March. More details to come.

We are preparing two manuscripts for publication in March. One is about client show vs no show rates, and the other one is about our behavioral and primary healthcare outcomes.

We are finishing repairs on our White Street, Ruston building location. This facility will house our second peer support center.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Fiscal Report and Grants and Contracts for Fiscal year 22-23

The ED’s report was presented, along with the monthly Fiscal Report a Motion made by Randy Williams and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept 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 FY23 appropriated budget is \$16, 618,143. Total excluding SGR= \$15,819,790. Our IAT = \$4,483,420. Self-generated = \$798,353.

Board

- Conflict of Interest Statements – due by May 15, 2023 (page 33)
- Public Official Ethics Training – due by May 15, 2023 (page 32)
- Personal Financial Disclosure – due by May 15, 2023 (page 32)

BOARD MANAGEMENT

- Board Development/Parish Outreach
- Board Members Terms/Renewal of Appointments
- Travel Forms due MONTHLY

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Randy Williams and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to Adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – March 14, 2023 - 5:30 pm

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority, Video Conference Room, 2513 Ferrand Street, Monroe, LA 71201