

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

November 19, 2019

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority – Video Conference Room

2513 Ferrand Street, Monroe, LA 71201

5:30PM

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

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Dr. E H Baker seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of October 8: A Motion was made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Mike Shipp, Yvonne Lewis, Dr. E. H. Baker and Thelma Merrells

Board member Absent: Amanda Booth and LaTanya Whiteside

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer, 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 spoke at ULM's Addictions Elderly Symposium (November 4). Additionally, Dr. Sizer spoke at the 17th Annual Together We Can Conference in Lafayette, Louisiana on November 14, 2019. He discussed the Intergenerational Impact of Louisiana's Opioid Crisis.

Prevention and Wellness hosted a series of prevention activities on the campus of ULM during their homecoming weekend. Sober tailgating, yoga stretching, etc., were included. Prevention and Wellness also partnered with ULM's Counseling Center and public relations students.

We are still working with Kia Richardson, a Ruston based attorney, to help execute criminal expungements for our non-violent mentally ill and addicted clients. Attorney Richardson is an experienced defense and expungement attorney. Ruston will be our pilot site. A listening session was held with Lincoln Parish leaders Tuesday, October 29th. Leaders included law enforcement, faith, business, civic, and governmental leaders. Board Chair Mike Shipp was also in attendance.

Chair Mike Shipp facilitated a follow-up listening session meeting on November 19th between Dr. Sizer, Ruston Mayor Walker and staff, and Ruston's Police Chief. There were several takeaways. Northeast Delta HSA staff members have started community outreach activities, prevention efforts, clinical positioning, etc.

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

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

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Next Meeting – **January 14, 2020 - 5:30 pm**

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