

.NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

January 11, 2022

Remote meeting held via ZOOM format

5:30PM

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

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Cynthia Mathes and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of November 16: A Motion was made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Cynthia Mathes to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Thelma Merrells, Cynthia Mathes, Mike Shipp, and Yvonne Lewis

Board Absent: Rev. Shawn Hornsby and Latanya Whiteside

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

Northeast Delta signed a MOU with the Food Bank of NELA to enhance services for those who are mentally ill and hungry. We are currently conducting research around foodinsecurity and solutions to health and human services gaps. We are asking each regional resident to complete the survey to help us further understand regional mental health and food needs so that we can work with others to meet them.

NEDHSA will host its annual staff retreat in Ruston, Louisiana on December 17, 2021.

Northeast Delta hosted two virtual Rise above Stigma town halls with residents of Jackson and Madison Parishes. Future town halls will be scheduled and publicized in the coming weeks. We have also commissioned a mural that depicts stigma related scenes that will be displayed prominently on ULM's campus. We also intend to have the mural placed at regional museums and the Monroe City Airport. We are also brining back our regional psychodrama to highlight and destigmatize mental illness and addiction.

Northeast Delta Prevention and Wellness staff participated in several anti-bullying, anti- suicide, and anti-drinking campaigns regionally. Additionally, Prevention and Wellness staff participated in a health fair event at the Marbles Recreation Center and led an awards ceremony with several Ouachita Parish schools.

As part of our Operation Golden Years and Leave No Veteran Behind initiatives, our agency staff and Prevention and Wellness Student Ambassadors are collecting and donating Christmas items to regional seniors and veterans.

We continue to participate in many social media campaigns, including suicide prevention and various addiction ones. We have also started a massive digital public awareness campaign about our programs and various services. This digital campaign includes Google, website, news banners, various social media outlets, etc. One commercial features our agency, and the other discusses opioids and what we are doing about it.

Dr. Sizer shared with staff that his expectation is that Northeast Delta will be fully integrated programmatically and across all departments by July 1, 2022. To date, all fiscal, policies and procedures, analytics, HR, technology, and facilities are being aligned to support this agency objective. This objective is consistent with the Board approved agency strategic plan. Being fully integrated will also allow Northeast Delta to be more efficient, effective, and outcomes driven. When this happens, we will see greater innovations and larger population health improvements in Northeast Louisiana.

We relaunched our mobile app. The app provides users a one click experience to all NEDHSA resources and network partners. It can be downloaded via Google Play Station. It will be available on Apple products soon. We are encouraging everybody in the region to download the app.

QUARTERLY BOARD TRAINING – Behavioral Health moved to be presented at another meeting in 2022.

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 Yvonne Lewis and Cynthia Mathes 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 FY 2022 appropriated budget is \$16,360,304 Our SGF = \$10,578,707. Our IAT = \$5,007,753. Self-generated = \$773,844.

- Financial Planning/Budgeting
- Prioritized Strategic Initiatives for coming year/Updates (Policy Manual Page 11)

BOARD -

2022 Board Executive Committee approval:

Chairperson-----Mike Shipp-Chairman
Vice Chairman----- Yvonne Lewis
Secretary----- LaTanya Whiteside
Treasurer-----Thelma Merrells

A Motion was made by Yvonne Lewis and Cynthia Mathes to approve / accept the nominees as presented above to be the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority newly elected Board members for 2022.

2022 Board meeting schedule was submitted and A Motion was made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve / accept the schedule as presented.

BOARD MANAGEMENT- Ongoing
Board Development Parish Outreach
- Travel Forms

ADJOURN

Next Meeting- February 8, 2022—5:30 pm
Ouachita Parish Health Unit-Community Room
1650 Desiard Street, Monroe, LA. 71202