

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

June 16, 2020

Remote Meeting Held via Zoom Format

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Michael Shipp and a quorum was met.

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

Adopt Minutes of December 11: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present Via Zoom:

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

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

I recently provided you Northeast Delta HSA's FY19 annual agency report. It highlights our work relative to the agency's strategic plan. I am happy to report that we exceeded expectations and continue to provide innovative regional programs and services.

Two ULM professors recently concluded an economic impact study of Northeast Delta HSA's influence regionally. The study revealed that we significantly contribute to the overall economy of northeast Louisiana annually. The report will be emailed for your review.

The succession plan and organizational structure remains the same.

Northeast Delta HSA has a series of webinars dealing with COVID-19 related grief, trauma, etc., beginning June 16, 2020. Weekly webinars will continue through June and into July 2020. This will be emailed for your review.

We continue to provide clinical and DD services via Zoom, telephone, and other video conferencing equipment.

All Northeast Delta HSA classified employees who are in good standing will receive an annual pay increase according to state Civil Service.

Northeast Delta HSA staff provided more than one hundred informational bags, including opioid reversal drugs, to Madison Parish Hospital. We appreciate Board Member Yvonne Lewis for being present and for her assistance.

BOARD

Agenda Planning (Policy Manual Page 9) – Reaffirmed and discussed different time besides 5:30pm or whether to change the monthly meeting place and the NEDHSA board agreed to leave the meeting place at the Ouachita Parish Health Unit – Community Room at 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless a conflict arises in scheduling the Ouachita Parish Health Unit - Community Room. If a conflict arises it will be held usually the 3rd Tuesday of the same month. They also agreed to continue having the board meeting quarterly during the calendar year at Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Offices.

Cost of Governance (Policy Manual page 8)

Funds has been set aside for Professional development and travel expenses associated with traveling to and from monthly board meetings for Northeast Delta Human Services Authority board members .

Chairperson’s Role – (Policy Manual Page 8)

Process and procedures are in order and held as the rules apply according to the Chairperson’s role.

Mike Shipp reported OCOG reappointed Thelma Merrells and Dr. E. H. Baker to the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority board for another three years at their meeting on May 26, 2020. Their terms will be effective June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2023.

Board MANAGEMENT – *Ongoing*

- Travel Forms monthly
- Board member recruitment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Thelma Merrells. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – July 14, 2020 - 5:30 pm

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