

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

May10, 2022

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

5:30PM

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

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

Adopt Minutes of March 8: A Motion was made by LaTanya Whiteside and seconded by Cynthia Mathes to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Cynthia Mathes, Mike Shipp, Rev. Shawn Hornsby and Latanya Whiteside

Board Absent: Thelma Merrells and Yvonne Lewis

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

We cut the ribbon on our new Child and Family Clinic May 5, 2022. The clinic is located at 2525 Ferrand Street in Monroe.

Northeast Delta's Prevention and Wellness team held two press conferences, one in Jonesboro and the other in Richwood to highlight agency opioid mitigation measures and place prescription drug take back boxes. This was done in partnership with Jonesboro's Police Chief and the Mayor of Richwood and staff. Prescription Drug Take Back events were recently held in these and other regional locations April 30, 2022. We were able to remove hundreds of pounds of prescription and illegal drugs from the streets.

We had a very successful Orange Ribbon Week (April 25-29). This week was designed to reduce underage drinking and to promote prosocial behaviors regionally

There was a Narcan training done with the Union Parish Sheriff's Office and the Union Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The training was about the dangers of opioid related misuse, abuse, and death. These events were followed by a partnership press release, and will include a regional suicide training with city and emergencyresponse official.

We have commissioned the Black Creative Circle of North Louisiana to develop 5 Rise Above Stigma murals as part of our Rise Above Stigma initiative. One mural is located in downtown Monroe. The others will be placed in Franklin Parish, Madison Parish, East Carroll, and Union Parish. These murals are in partnership with local municipal and leaders of local businesses to help reduce stigma to mental illness and encourage artistic regional development. We have done the same with ULM.

Our Rise above Stigma commissioned mural that depicts stigma-related scenes was displayed prominently on ULM's campus for two weeks. The display was also at the Northeast Louisiana African American Museum and the Union Parish Museum of History and Art. The mural is currently on display at the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum in Monroe.

We are also bringing back our regional psychodrama to highlight and destigmatize mental illness and addiction. The theatrical play, Alky, will occur May 27 and 28 for two showings, and it will be shown at ULM's Brown Theater. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show will begin at 7 pm. This is a free public event and will likely be sold out both shows.

We continue to participate in many social media campaigns, including suicide prevention and various addiction ones. We have also started a massive Rise above Stigma digital public awareness campaign about stigma and our programs and services. This digital campaign includes Google, website, news banners, various social media outlets, etc.

We made public our independently evaluated six-month Rise above Stigma results. We are making excellent progress with this unprecedented anti-stigma campaign.

Dr. Sizer continues to share with staff that he expects 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 and outcomes focus. We will see more significant innovations and larger population health improvements in Northeast Louisiana when this happens, and we will also be the first LGE to accomplish this.

Please see our third quarter newsletter for all agency regional news and activities which is included in your board packets.

For succession planning purposes, all protocols remain in place as provided to the board previously to continue NEDHSA's operations seamlessly. Having such a plan is also consistent with our CARF accreditation. There is succession planning built into each NEDHSA department and my executive leadership structure. As a reminder, the ED's succession plan is the HR Director and the Integrated Care Director.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal report a Motion made by Cynthia Mathes and seconded by LaTanya Whiteside to approve / accept as submitted. Dr. Sizer told board members he would send information on Assist Suicide training via email. 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 FY22 appropriated budget is \$15,516,455. Total excluding SGR= \$15,586,460. Our IAT = \$5,007,753. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Executive Director –

- Monthly Executive Director Report
- Upcoming Events/Community Action
- Monthly Fiscal Report
- Emergency Executive Succession with Organizational Chart (page 12)

Board -

- Upcoming Events/Community Activities
- Chairperson's Role (page 8)
- Public official Ethics Training - due by May 15 (page 32)
- Personal financial disclosure – due by May 15 (page 32)

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Self-Evaluation
- Board Development

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Next Meeting – June 14, 2022

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