

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

October 11, 2022

**Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Conference Room,
2513 Ferrand Street, 71201**

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Thelma Merrells and prayer was led by Rev Shawn Hornsby and a quorum was met.

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

Adopt Minutes of September 13: A Motion was made by Rev Shawn Hornsby and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Thelma Merrells, Rev. Shawn Hornsby, Randy Williams, Latanya Whiteside and Tasha Washington

Board Absent: Mike Shipp, Yvonne Lewis, Andy Bryan and Cynthia Mathes

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer and Delores Harris

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

QUARTERLY BOARD TRAINING – Addictive Disorders was left on Agenda by mistake a presentation was done on September 13, 2022 by Janice Rogers.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

October is known as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. NEDHSA is involved in many regional activities. All can be seen on NEDHSA's various social media platforms.

NEDHSA and Genoa Pharmacy will officially cut the ribbon on its pharmacy collaboration on October 19, 2022 at 11 am. All activities will take place at NEDHSA's Monroe Integrated Care Clinic.

NEDHSA will host its 3rd Annual Walk/Run 1k/5k on October 22, 2022. NEDHSA is partnering with Tallulah City Government. The event will begin at 8 am on the campus of Madison High School. More details can be found on all agency social media platforms.

NEDHSA Prevention and Wellness staff are hosting an anti-bullying essay campaign to help reduce bullying on the campus of Madison Middle School. Essays are due Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

NEDHSA continues to produce several videos that describe its various program areas. These videos are designed to further diminish health related stigma and to encourage more proactive health seeking behaviors regionally.

There was a Take Back Box placed at the Monroe Behavioral Health Center on September 13, 2022. The Box will be available for staff, patients, and members of the community to discard all used and unwanted medications. We have placed about eight other boxes regionally.

NEDHSA's Prevention and Wellness team, along with law enforcement officials, will continue to recover and destroy old and unused medicines.

NEDHSA co-hosted a Run for Recovery with the Harbor House located in Calhoun, Louisiana. The date of the event was September 24, 2022.

NEDHSA hosted a Recovery livestream event on September 16, 2022. The event was entitled Recovery is Mine. It featured a recovery expert and some with lived addiction experience.

NEDHSA and Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center signed a formal MOU and are hosting a range of cancer related screenings regionally. For example, both groups were in Columbia, Louisiana at Mac's Fresh Market to promote cancer related screenings and prevention efforts. On Monday, July 11, 2022, NEDHSA and Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center hosted colorectal cancer screenings at NEDHSA Bastrop Behavioral Health Clinic. On Wednesday, August 10, 2022 NEDHSA hosted another screening at the Monroe Behavioral Health Clinic. It was highly successful. And in the coming weeks, NEDHSA and Mary Byrd Perkins will be hosting screenings at NEDHSA's peer centers and inpatient supported facilities. All NEDHSA's developmental disability clients and their caregivers will be encouraged to participate as well.

NEDHSA released its FY22 Annual Report on August 23, 2022. The report contains analytics across all NEDHSA departments and has information about significant FY22 initiatives. A copy of the report will be made available to each Board member.

NEDHSA and the Black Creatives Circle of Northeast Louisiana hosted a mural reveal in downtown Lake, Providence Louisiana Friday, September 30th. Our first mural reveal was in downtown Monroe. NEDHSA is now planning a reveal in downtown Union Parish. More details to come. Additionally, NEDHSA had a great turnout for its September 1, 2022 reveal on the campus of Grambling State University. It was carried by local media and lots of pictures and video can be found on NEDHSA's various social media platforms. It is important to remember that the University of Louisiana at Monroe designed NEDHSA's first traveling mural. NEDHSA's traveling mural has been housed and showcased at several regional museums.

NEDHSA will be hosting several national Great American Smokeout activities on November 17, 2022. More details to come.

Dr. Monteic A. Sizer will be a featured speaker at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) November 11, 2022 Veterans Day event. This event is consistent with NEDHSA's Leave No Veteran Behind

initiative.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Executive Director Report, Fiscal Report and Treatment of Staff – There was no complaints.

After the ED's Report and monthly Fiscal Report was presented a Motion made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Randy Williams to approve / accept the reports 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 \$16,404,881. Total excluding SGR= \$15,631,037. Our IAT = \$4,483,420. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board –

- Global Linkage (Policy Manual Page 10)
- Unity of Control (Policy Manual Page 10)
- Accountability of the Executive Director (Policy Manual Page 10)
- Delegation to the Executive Director (Policy Manual Page 10)
- **No changes was made to the Policies stated above by the board.**
- Select nominating committee for 2023 Officers – **This was tabled until the next meeting.**
- New Board Member Appointment (effective November 1)
 - o Dr. Tony Young – Lincoln Parish
 - o **Randy Williams – Morehouse Parish** was approved by Morehouse Police Jury on September 12, 2022 per minutes received via email. He was welcomed as the newly elected member to represent Morehouse Parish.(Term effective 10-1-2022- 09/30/2025) .

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Rev Shawn Hornsby Latanya to Adjourn/ the Meeting. Motion passed unanimously

Next Meeting – November 15, 2022 - 5:30 pm

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