

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

September 10, 2019

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Offices

2513 Ferrand St, 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 Yvonne Lewis seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of July 9: A Motion was made by Yvonne Lewis and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept the Minutes with correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Mike Shipp, Latanya Whiteside, Yvonne Lewis, Amanda Booth and Thelma Merrells

Board member Absent: Dr. E. H. Baker

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer, Johnathon Robert, Dr. Avius Carroll 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

Northeast Delta launched a new blog entitled Transformations. The blog is intended to give perspective to issues associated with mental illness, addiction, prevention, developmental disabilities and related topics. The first blog discussed our Faith Partnership Initiative. The most recent blog described our prison reform work (La-Re).

Dr. Sizer will be the keynote, plenary and/or panelist speaker during several upcoming events, to include Louisiana Delta Community College Mental Health Awareness event (October 10), and ULM's Addictions Elderly Symposium (November 4). Additionally, Dr. Sizer will be speaking at several national and statewide conferences such as the Addictions and Faith Conference (September 20-22), the National Prevention Network Conference (August 26-28), LDH's Louisiana Opioid Summit (September 4-6) and the Together We Can Conference (November 12-14). The conference in Chicago and opioid summit in Slidell went extremely well. Our faith-based/mental health/addiction strategies are starting to become well know across Louisiana and the nation.

Northeast Delta HSA will host its annual statewide Opioid Summit September 24 at ULM's Bayou Pointe. We have several regional and state subject matter experts scheduled. It's already near capacity.

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 is also being planned with Lincoln Parish leaders. Leaders will include faith, business, Civic and governmental leaders. Additionally, staff will be attending the next Lincoln Parish Police Jury meeting as part of their annual fiscal distribution process.

Northeast Delta HSA's first health and wellness walk/run will be held in Tallulah. Board Member Yvonne Lewis is helping to coordinate this event with members of prevention and Wellness staff. This event is being held in conjunction with our integrated healthcare model. We have secured the proper clearance from the Madison Parish School Board.

Our legislative audit has concluded. Only two things were noted after a nearly six month Audit. The first thing related to that sub recipient number I mentioned LDH-OBH didn't tell Us about until after contracts were completed. The auditors did note how we properly Monitored all contracts, accounted for all revenue and had the necessary documentation in Place. All current contracts contain the necessary sub recipient numbers as of this writing. The other issue pertained to two LMSWs providing emergency clinical services due to a Client crisis and not having other clinical staff available. The auditors noted the reasons and acknowledged those LMSWs have been reassigned to our prevention and wellness team. No other issues were noted.

Dr. Sizer and ULM signed a formal MOU. Mr. Shipp, board chair, was in attendance along with agency staff. The goal is to leverage each other's resources so that both agencies can make a bigger impact regionally. We have several things planned with ULM professors and academic departments. ULM economic professors are conducting a study to determine Northeast Delta's regional impact.

The next HSIC meeting will be in October. This is the meeting where each LGE board chair is expected to be in attendance. I have included the recent legislation and meeting requirements below. I am seeking the actual date and location. More information to come.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with the monthly Fiscal data, A motion was made by LaTanya Whiteside and seconded by Yvonne Lewis to approve/accept the ED report, documentation and Fiscal report 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 FY19-20 appropriated budget is \$15,531,572. Our SGF = \$10,407,014. Our IAT = \$4,350,714. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board –

Review NEDHSA Global Ends Statement (page 3)

Global Governance Commitment (page 3)

This was tabled until the next meeting

Governance Style (Page 3-4)

BOARD MANAGEMENT – *Ongoing*

- Travel Forms due MONTHLY
- Parish outreach on going

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Next Meeting – **October 8, 2019 - 5:30 pm**

Ouachita Parish Health Unit – Community Room

1650 Desiard Street, Monroe, LA 71202