**NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)**

**Board Meeting MINUTES**

**September 18, 2018**

**NEDHSA Administrative Office**

2513 Ferrand Street, 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***:* AMotion was made by Alisa Lear seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Minutes of August 14:**AMotion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Alisa Lear to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Board Members Present:**

Dr. E. H. Baker, Mike Shipp, Latanya Whiteside, Thelma Merrells and Alisa Lear

**Absent:** Yvonne Lewis

**Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests**: None

**Northeast Delta HSA staff present**: Dr. Monteic Sizer, Delores Harris and Dr. Avius Carroll

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –** No requests for comment.

**QUARTERLY BOARD TRAINING –** Addictive Disorders – how NEDHSA is addressing, allocating resourcs, and the impact on region - presented by Dr. Avius Carroll. Handout was provided to Board members during presentation.

**BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION**

**Upcoming Events/Community Action**

NEDHSA was recently awarded $2.25 million or $450,000 over five years for our behavioral and primary healthcare work. NE Delta HSA and the LDH OBH submitted a joint application to SAMHSA. This award will allow NE Delta HSA and LDH OBH to test many integrated healthcare treatment assumptions so that overall patient health outcomes can drastically improve.

We will begin our Faith Partnership Initiative in October. This is a continuation of our many Faith Summits. We have partnered with Faith Partners Inc. to help us further equip faith leaders and congregations around the issues of mental health and addiction.

We are continuing to make major repairs and facility enhancements at our various clinics. We have increased focus on staff and client safety and security at our various clinic and administrative locations.

We have relocated to our new Bastrop Clinic location to accommodate growing needs in that area.

In the coming weeks, we will launch #Operation Golden Years!. #Operation Golden Years is designed to bring awareness to the addiction and mental health challenges faced by a significant amount our region’s elderly. This will be one of the first in Louisiana.

We have partnered with LDH to kick off a shared social media campaign around gambling and addictive disorders. The campaign begins Septembers 24 – November 7, 2018. Therre will also be increased advertising related to opioid, tobacco and other regional prevention efforts.

**GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS**

### Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

A Motion made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve / accept the ED report and Fiscal 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 FY18-19 appropriated budget is $14,248,950. Our SGF = $10,296,034. Our IAT = $3,179,072. Self-generated = $773,844.

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**BOARD**

The board reviewed Global Governance Commitment (Policy Manual Page 3), Governance Style (Policy Manual Pages 3-4) and Board Job Description (Policy Manual Page 4) a motion made by Alisa Lear and seconded by Thelma Merrells to accept the policies as written, with no alterations. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD MANAGEMENT** – *Ongoing*

* Parish Outreach
* Board Members Terms/Renewal of Appointments
* Travel Forms

A motion was made to **ADJOURN** by Alisa Lear and second by Dr. E. H. Baker

Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting** **–** October 9, 2018 - 5:30 pm

Ouachita Parish Health Unit – Community Room

1650 Desiard Street, Monroe, LA 71202