

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

March 26, 2024

**Northeast Delta Human Services Authority, Video Conference Room,
2513 Ferrand Street, Monroe, LA. 71202**

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Yvonne Lewis and prayer was led by Yvonne Lewis and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Randy Williams and seconded by Andy Bryan to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of February 29, 2024: A Motion was made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Andy Bryan to approve / accept the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -

QUARTERLY BOARD TRAINING – Behavioral Health

Dr. Monteic A. Sizer spoke to the board on Behavioral Health briefly.

Board Members Present: Thelma Merrells, Randy Williams, Dr. Tiffany Bates Yvonne Lewis and Andy Bryan

Board Members Absent: Tasha Washington and Dr. Tony Young

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

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Upcoming Events/Community Action –

NEDHSA's mini music festival was a resounding success. The event was held downtown Monroe and featured four regional artists. It's a prelude to the upcoming Art as Therapy event to take place in downtown Monroe in April 2024.

NEDHSA recently signed MOUs with the Northeast Louisiana Arts Council and NELA Music Awards. The goal is to reach historically forgotten populations with

treatment and drive regional economic development.

NEDHSA's HR department has provided Civil Service all audit information. We expect to obtain near perfect audit. The report will be made available to NEDHSA's Board upon completion.

NEDHSA is still prepping for its CARF re-accreditation. CARF accreditation is one of the highest organizational standards in the world. We were awarded a three-year accreditation back in 2021. We also expect to be awarded another three-year accreditation. The accreditation report will be made available upon completion.

NEDHSA is still on pace to open the state's largest inpatient facility for addicted pregnant women with dependent children. The twenty-four hour facility has more than ten thousand square feet and fifteen bedrooms. Each bedroom will be able to house up to three individuals each (mother, infant, and up to two dependents). See attached blueprint.

NEDHSA will be hosting its annual Opioid Summit in May 2024. Invitation was sent to Governor Landry. LDH Secretary Dr. Ralph Abraham will be one of the featured speakers along with Dr. Monteic A. Sizer. Louisiana Attorney General will also be extended an invitation.

NEDHSA's FY25 budget will largely be unchanged from the current fiscal year. We will be able to operate all NEDHSA programs and services without any problems beginning July 1, 2024.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director –

- Executive Director Report
- Monthly Fiscal Report

The Executive Director Report and Monthly Fiscal Report was presented by Dr. Monteic A. Sizer. A Motion was made by Andy Bryan and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve\accept 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 FY24 appropriated budget is \$17,036,591. Total excluding SGR= \$16,228,692. Our IAT = \$5,085,087. Self-generated = \$807,899.

Board –

The Board agreed to reappoint:

Yvonne Lewis – Chairman of the Board

Andy Bryan - Vice Chair

Newly appointed board officers:

Randy Williams – Treasurer

Thelma Merrells – Secretary

A Motion was made by Andy Bryan and seconded by Dr. Tiffany Bates to approve\accept the reappointment nominations and new nominees as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MANAGEMENT – Ongoing

- Board Development/ Parish Outreach
- Travel Forms due MONTHLY

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Thelma Merrells and seconded by Andy Bryan Thelma Merrells to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – April 9, 2024 - 5:30 pm

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