

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 21, 2011
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Human Services District (MHSD) was held on Friday, January 21, 2011 at the Chartres Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center. Dr. Pamela Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

In addition to Dr. Jenkins, Board members in attendance were: Clare Jupiter, Robin Pannagl, Gwendolyn H. Richardson, and Dr. Donald T. Erwin.

Staff members present were: Dr. Craig Coenson, Nancy Falgoust, and Sally Hays.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Jupiter moved approval of the December 17, 2010 meeting minutes as circulated (Attachment # 1). Dr. Erwin seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Report from the Medical Director: Dr. Craig Coenson, Medical Director of MHSD, gave a report on the current clinical programs and services being provided by MHSD. He stated that the community has felt a positive impact due to these services.

Exemption from the State Travel Guidelines for Louisiana Spirit Contractors: Dr. Jenkins reported that the three MHSD contractors providing Louisiana Spirit services often travel significant distances to meet with clients. The state of Louisiana's travel requirements do not allow reimbursement for more than 99 miles round trip of in-state travel in their personal vehicle in one day. Dr. Erwin moved for approval to exempt the three BP Louisiana Spirit contractors from the 99 mile cap in PPM 49,S1504(C.)(2.)(b.) effective December 1, 2010 through the end of their contract term. Ms. Richardson seconded the Motion, and it passed unanimously (Attachment #2).

Discussion on Executive Limitations Policy: Ms. Hays presented the draft Executive Limitations Policy that had been previously distributed. The Board discussed the policies and agreed on possible modifications. Final adoption was postponed, however, pending further discussion at the February meeting of the Board.

Other Business

- Dr. Jenkins called Board members' attention to the December 31, 2010 financial statements that were included in the packet of meeting materials (Attachment #3).
- A list of 2011 Board meetings was distributed (Attachment #4).

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2011 at Chartres Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center.

Invitation for Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.