



**Metropolitan Human Services District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | 9 AM**

3100 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70114

MHSD fulfills its statutory role as the planning body for the behavioral health, addiction and intellectual/developmental disability services for the residents of Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes by ensuring that eligible residents in these parishes have access to person centered and recovery focused supports designed to optimize their role in the community.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chair Michael Pechon and it was determined that a Quorum was present.

- II. Attendance
 - A. A quorum was present consisting of Michael Pechon, Mike Miller, Leslie Prest, Dr. Cathy Lazarus, Charlotte Parent, Tenisha T. Stevens, Dr. Brian L. Turner and B. Gerard Woodrich.
 - B. Absent from the meeting were Gary Mendoza, Dr. Sarintha Stricklin, and Tanesha Irvin-Sanchez.
 - C. Other individuals in attendance were Rochelle Head-Dunham, MD, DFAPA, FASAM, MHSD Executive Director/Medical Director; Traci Brown, MHSD CFO; Karen Canales, Executive Staff Officer to MHSD Executive Director/Medical Director, Susan Henry, Director of Marketing and Communications and Julie Olsen, Plaquemines Community CARE Centers Foundation, Inc.; Lonnie Granier, Odyssey House Louisiana;
 - D. The following individuals were in attendance via a virtual platform, for a portion of the meeting to report to the MHSD Board: Steven Farber, MHSD Deputy Director; Dr. Kashunda Williams, Director of Quality and Data Management; Silvia Graham, Heather Jovanovich and Michelle Cunningham, auditors for Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP

- III. Annual Audit Report to MHSD Board
 - A. The Legislative Auditors Report was presented by the Certified Public Accountants from the firm Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP. and no findings for FY23 were presented.

IV. Monitoring Reports

A. End Report for FY24 Q1

Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham provided an overview of the Ends Report, the sub ends related to each section, indicators, and benchmarks for each Ends. Dr. Dunham presented a plan to modify the way some of the data is captured as to include more clarity about the services being offered.

B. Monthly Dashboard & Telehealth Report

Dr. Dunham reviewed the Monthly Dashboard, Telehealth and Utilization reports. 81.5% of the services are back in the office, 17.5% delivered via telehealth and 1.1% delivered via audio when unable to connect via video.

C. Fiscal Report

Ms. Brown provided a summary of the Fiscal Committee meeting and reports presented.

Minutes from the August 23, 2023 meeting and all monitoring reports were reviewed and approved by motion of Dr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Woodrich, all voted in favor.

Mr. Farber notified the Board that the legislation has passed a law that requires boards to provide ADA accommodations to members if needed. A policy has been developed at MHSD to comply with this request. The Board members with accommodation can attend virtually and therefore all meeting recordings will be placed on our website for two years as the official record of the meeting.

Mr. Farber also reported on the pilot with the City of New Orleans to have a Mental Health Court for the diversion of criminal offenders with a primary diagnosis of mental illness. Those individuals would be mandated to receive services from MHSD. Dr. Dunham reported that MHSD has participated in similar courts in the past including a Drug court for addictive disorders.

V. Consent Agenda.

No consent agenda items were presented

VI. Self-evaluation: Board Performance Review

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:20 AM by Dr. Lazarus, seconded by Ms. Prest; all in favor, motion passed.