

**METROPOLITAN HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 26, 2015  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Human Services District was held on Friday, June 26, 2015 at the District office. The meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm.

Board members in attendance were: Polly Campbell, Dr. Joe Constans, Charlotte Parent, Gary Mendoza and Sylvie Tran. Board members not in attendance were: Dr. Sarintha Stricklin, Dr. Petrice Sams-Abiodun, Dr. Emily Clark and Dr. Jeffrey Rouse.

Staff members present were: Yolanda Webb, David Timoll, Dr. Charlotte Cunliffe, Dr. Katherine Smith, Meghan Ferris, Olivia Mills, Dr. Brenda Edgerton-Webster, and Sally Hays.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dr. Constans moved approval of the April 23, 2015 minutes, Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

**Chair's Report:** Ms. Campbell requested a vote on a resolution to hire outside counsel for the representation of MHSD clients who are in need of legal services for fiscal year 2016. Ms. Parent moved approval of the resolution, Ms. Tran seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed unanimously. Ms. Campbell shared that this would be her last meeting as Chair and as a board member. Ms. Webb presented Ms. Campbell with a plaque and thanked her for her years of service as an MHSD Board member and for her service to the community MHSD serves.

**Election of Officers:** Ms. Tran made a motion to nominate Dr. Constans as Chair, Ms. Parent seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Dr. Constans made a motion to nominate Ms. Parent as Vice-Chair, Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Mendoza made a motion to nominate Ms. Tran as Secretary, Dr. Constans seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The terms of all elected officers are July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Webb reported that the HB1 budget and been finalized and that it included an amendment requiring MHSD to provide \$100,000 to a non-profit located in Plaquemines parish. Board members then engaged in a discussion about the possible impact and unintended consequences of the legislature's decision. Ms. Webb shared the resume of MHSD's new CFO, Mr. Dale Higgins, who starts at MHSD July 6th. She mentioned that MHSD's move to co-locate with the Daughters of Charity at its New Orleans East location was complete. Ms. Webb also provided a list of recent MHSD media mentions to Board members.

**CFO's Report:** Dr. Cunliffe reported that an auditor had been selected by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to audit MHSD for the next three years on an annual basis. Dr. Cunliffe provided Board members with budget and financial information for MHSD through May 3, 2015.

**Parish Reports:** Ms. Campbell reported that she is working with the St. Bernard parish council to fill her MHSD Board position. Ms. Parent shared information related to the City of New Orleans and its 10 year Katrina commemoration. Dr. Constans mentioned that the new University hospital is scheduled to open August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Other Business:** In accordance with the Board's monitoring calendar, Ms. Webb reported compliance with the policies related to the treatment of consumers and treatment of staff, and monitoring reports related to those policies were given to Board members for review. Ms. Hays shared that this would be her last meeting as a Board consultant, and recommended that the Board plan to review its Carver policies and update them as appropriate.

**Invitation for Public Comment:** Julie Olsen, Executive Director of Plaquemines Community C.A.R.E. Centers Foundation, Inc. (PCCCF) was in attendance.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.