



**ACADIANA AREA
HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT**
Serving Acadiana with Quality Compassionate Care

**Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022**

Meeting held at 302 Dulles Dr. Lafayette, LA 70506. Auditorium #4

Members Present: Elizabeth West (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); **Quinta Thompson** (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); **Yasmin Welch** (Lafayette Parish); and **Carla Jean Batiste** (St. Martin Parish); **Carol Broussard** (Iberia Parish); and **John Stefanski** (Acadia Parish).

Members Absent: *VACANCY* (Evangeline Parish); **Micah Moscovis** (St. Landry Parish); **Janise Hardy** (Vermilion Parish); **David Merrill** (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish);

Others in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Jennifer Sonnier, Human Resources Analyst; and Kay Irby, Board Trainer

A quorum was present and the meeting called to order at 3:24pm by Elizabeth West.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attendees.

- Notice of the meeting was posted and copy of Open Meeting Law was available. No member of the public present.
- Consent Agenda items
 - Elizabeth West noted the prior meeting minutes should include the unanimous motion/seconded/approval of the AAHSD Executive Director and 7% salary increase.
 - Program Reports – Elizabeth West led discussion about the number of individuals being served in the parishes who have much larger population but less # of individual being served. Reason being some parishes have other services/resources available and/or individuals prefer to seek services outside of their domiciled parish.
 - Carla Jean Batiste mentioned they are working with the St. Martin parish sheriff's office to come up with a way to provide mental health services to those individuals incarcerated.
- A motion was made by Carla Jean Batiste and seconded by John Stefanski to accept the Consent Agenda with one correction to the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Recognition of Members of the Public – Brad Farmer introduced, Jennifer Sonnier, HR Analyst as assisting with minutes until the Administrative Assistant 5 position which has been posted can be filled at the agency. He also recognized Kay Irby, Board Trainer.
- Public Comments/Input
 - Kay Irby attended the AAHSD’s CARF survey recently and shared with the Board how impressive it was to be at the closing session and shared the CARF surveyor’s comment to the District “ your relationships in the community that are not easy to obtain are so well respected”. They complimented the availability of AAHSD’s staff, complimented the AAHSD Board. Out of the 1,838CARF checks, there were only 5 boxes marked for recommendations to the AAHSD.
- Comments from Chair
 - Board Advocacy Reports
 - After touring the Crowley Behavioral Health Clinic, John Stefanski commented that he will assist the Executive Director in getting the repairs needed to the parking lot of the clinic. Mr. Stefanski also commented on the telehealth pharmacy, Genoa’s satellite pharmacy at the clinic and how it is looks professional.
 - Carol Broussard attended the 10 yr Anniversary at the New Iberia Behavioral Health Clinic and commented it was nicely done.
 - Yasmin attended the 10 yr Anniversary in Lafayette and enjoyed being a part of it and commented on the great feel of the clinic.
 - Agenda Calendar Item
 - A motion at 3:49pm was made by John Stefanski and seconded by Yasmin Welch to accept the Executive Director Report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from Executive Director
 - CARF survey summary
 - Board representation was present at the CARF survey. The formal CARF report should be released to AAHSD prior to the next board meeting. The findings/recommendations were minimal and the AAHSD Accreditation team is already working to get those standards met. AAHSD received a very good report and it will be made available to anyone for review once received.
 - Legislative Audit Update
 - The Audit is coming to a close in which AAHSD will get a draft of the Audit, be able to respond to the findings, and receive a final report. They are still reviewing some items and have noted our corrections and improvements in certain area from the last audit.
 - 10 yr. Anniversary
 - TV 15 news did a brief coverage of the event at each clinic. The event was well received by all. Brad Farmer made comments about the survey and pointed out that no other LGE is accredited like AAHSD. Our

prevention program may be the only one in the state that is accredited. Elizabeth West asked that the Executive Director make efforts to get photos and posts about the 10 year anniversary to the radio stations, media and local newspapers in the different parishes.

- Next meeting scheduled for August 15, 2022 at 3:15pm. Meeting notices to be sent out and posted.
- Motion to adjourn by Carol Broussard and seconded by John Stefanski. Meeting adjourned 4:06pm.

Submitted by: Quinta L. Thompson

Quinta Thompson,
AAHSD Board Secretary