



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

Serving Acadiana with Quality Compassionate Care

Board Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

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

Members Present: Micah Moscovis (St. Landry Parish); Elizabeth West (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Quinta Thompson (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); Yasmin Welch (Lafayette Parish); Carol Broussard (Iberia Parish); Mitch Pellerin (Evangeline Parish).

Members Absent: John Stefanski (Acadia Parish); David Merrill (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish)

Others in Attendance: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Jennifer Stelly, Director of Human Resources, Tammara Smith, CCO, Tynese Breaux, Tyler Mental Health Clinic Manager, Daniel Leger, CFO, and Troy Abshire, Director of Developmental Disabilities.; Jennifer Sonnier, Human Resources Analyst; Kay Irby, Board Trainer.

Vacancies: St. Martin Parish (Vacant)

1. A quorum was present and the meeting called to order 3:19pm by Janise Hardy.
 - Janise Hardy noted the meeting objectives and advise the board members that the monthly check list is not included in the board folders this meeting but will be available at the next meeting.
2. Roll Call
 - Notice of the meeting was posted and copy of Open Meeting Law was available. Two audience members of the public were present.
3. A motion was made by Elizabeth West and seconded by Carol Broussard to accept the Consent Agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Topic 1 Governance Process: Chairperson's Role (Pol 2.5)
 - Program reports
4. Recognition of members of the Public: Ms. Kay Irby was present to give a presentation to the board on Board Development; Jennifer Sonnier, Human Resources Analyst was present to assist with board meeting minutes in absence of Tosha Latiolais, Administrative Assistant. No other members of the public were present.
5. Public Comments/Input: None presented.
6. Comments from Chair.
 - Topic 1 Board advocacy reports
 - Brad Farmer was thanked by Janise for setting up the orientation road trip for the newly appointed board member Mitch Pellerin. The new board members orientation began at the AAHSD office in which parish the board member was appointing to represent. The

idea of meeting at the parish office was thought to be more helpful in orienting Mitch with his new role. The meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes then moved onto the next parish office. Janise noted on a personal level, she felt the culture very welcoming in each parish and felt the road trip was successful. She again thanked Mr. Farmer for suggesting to conduct this method of orientation.

- AAHSD placed an advertisement in the 008 magazine. Janise asked if anyone had any comments about the AAHSD facebook or the advertisement. Elizabeth West commented that it was good to see AAHSD advertise in the 008 Magazine and felt the agency was well presented. Janise commended Brad Farmer for working to get the advertisement out to the community. Mr. Farmer gave recognition to the agency's marketing representative, Terry Dugas, for his efforts in organizing the ad and getting the word out about AAHSD.
- Janise asked if anyone had items to share about happenings in their parish. No comments presented at this time.
- Topic 2 Board Development:
 - Information handouts were distributed by Kay Irby regarding the 10 Principles of Policy Governance, Sample Ends Statements, and What is the basic responsibilities of nonprofit boards? Time spent in discussion with the board members and guidance was provided by Ms. Kay Irby.

7. Comments from the Executive Director

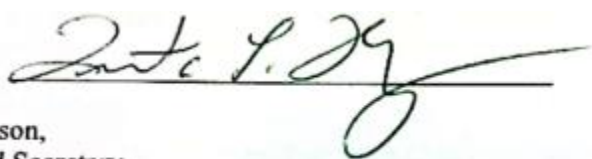
- Topic 1 COVID Update
 - AAHSD is on immediate standby if we need to close clinics and continue telehealth. We continue to follow the CDC guidelines and update/change our policies and procedures as needed. Chicot State park is currently housing approximately 72 people. Carol Broussard added that number is continuing to rise. Brad Farmer and Yancey Mire will be at Chicot State park on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 for a walkthrough. It was recommended that someone from Behavioral Health be onsite to do assessments with a new vendor who is monitoring the camp and may be opening another location in the future.
- Topic 2 EHR Update
 - The EHR data concerns have been resolved and the state has accepted the data submitted. There is a slight firewall issue, but reports can now be run offsite as well as in office. The EHR system vendor is working with AAHSD to help identify any errors.
- Topic 3 Audit CAP update
 - The % of staff meeting their goals has reduced; however, the % of accuracy has increased. We have identified that we have the capacity to perform accurately, we just need to increase the speed rate and volume to meet our goals.
 - AAHSD is participating in a town hall presentation BH911 out of Baton Rouge being held via ZOOM on Sept 15th from 10:00am – 11:30m. It will include recorded speakers and a Q&A session focusing on suicide, home health and other services for child and adolescents in the Evangeline parish. Brad Farmer, a PAX institute representative, and a

school based coordinator from Evangeline parish will be available for the Q& A session. AAHSD is the first LGE to participate in such an event.

- The GENOA Pharmacy will be fully functioning at the Crowley BHC in Acadia Parish on August 25th, 2021. John Stefanski was sent an invite to attend the opening in his parish; however, all are invited to come out for the 12:00pm event.
- LDH and OBH are working on a statewide project regarding a crisis system of care in which they are revamping crisis intervention and service of care. A ZOOM meeting will be held on August 26, 2021 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. A meeting specific to the Acadiana area is scheduled for September 1, 2021 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm via ZOOM. Brad will forward the information to board members.

9. Next meeting to be conducted September 20, 2021. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.

10. Motion to adjourn by Carol Broussard and seconded by Elizabeth West. Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

Submitted by: 
Quinta Thompson,
AAHSD Board Secretary