



# ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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## Board Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022

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); and Carla Jean Batiste (St. Martin Parish);

**Members Absent:** \*VACANCY\* (Evangeline Parish); David Merrill (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish); and John Stefanski (Acadia Parish).

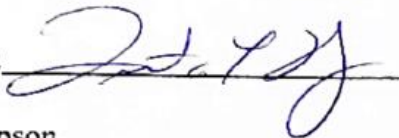
**Others in Attendance:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Tosha Latiolais, Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Stelly, Director of Human Resource; Tammara Smith, CCO; Daniel Leger, CFO; Troy Abshire, Director of Developmental Disabilities; Yancey Mire, Director of Behavioral Health Services; Tynese Breaux, Tyler Behavioral Health Clinic Manager; Kay Irby, Board Trainer

A quorum was present and the meeting called to order at 3:21 pm by Elizabeth West.

- Notice of the meeting was posted and copy of Open Meeting Law was available. No member of the public present.
- A motion made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Yasmin Welch to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from the Chair:
  - Topic1 Board advocacy reports:
    - Carol Broussard noted that she would like to send data to Brad Farmer that she received from a weekly call that discusses suicide, opioids, and death statistics. Requested to send it out to the members to review and discuss at the next Board Meeting.
    - Carol Broussard noted that she saw an article in the Lifestyle magazine from AAHSD.
    - Yasmin Welch noted that she had a conversation with Kathleen Shaw from the Extra Mile. They will have two houses available for inpatient treatment for women with their children.

- Yasmin Welch advised the Board that in Region 4, suicide is the #1 cause of death for ages 10-14. There is currently a shortage of counselors and social workers nationwide.
    - Quinta Thompson mentioned that the schools are able to hire counselors and social workers; however, they are having a shortage of counselors and social workers.
  - Topic 2 Review meeting attendance requirement or staff- Board vote
    - Discussion held about staff requirements to attend the meetings. In November of 2019, the board requested that Mr. Farmer had his staff members attend the meetings.
    - A motion was made by Janise Hardy and seconded by Carol Broussard not require staff to be at each meeting unless directed by Mr. Farmer. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Topic 3 Executive Director performance evaluation process- Board vote
    - Kay Irby discussed the current evaluation process, which Mr. Farmer currently receives his evaluation.
    - A motion made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Janise Hardy to suspend the old schedule and vote on new schedule to enable the Executive Limits be reviewed annually. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from Executive Director:
  - Topic 1 Legislative Session
    - Legislative Session March 14. LGE attended the Senate Session on 3/9/2022. Attended the House Appropriations met March 16.
    - Funding Formulas for LGE changed. Asked LDH to come up with a funding formula for all districts and authorities.
    - Attended the HSIC meeting March 17. The funding shows 4 districts underfunded with this new formula. AAHSD shows underfunded approximately a little under \$11 million and the state by \$28 million.
  - Topic 2 Accreditation survey update
    - Everything has submitted and fees paid. Waiting on it to be scheduled. Looking at a May-June period.
  - Topic 3 Staffing issues
    - Recruiting issues and turnovers. Had some employees retire. Some employees are requesting to reduce their hours.
    - The shelter at Camp Chicot is closing March 31. Our first shift was March 2, 2020. Our last shift will end March 23, 2022. We have provided 4,692 hours on call for crisis triage assessments, all of which AAHSD staff volunteered for.
  - Topic 4 TEM Gala

- The Extra Mile is having an event March 24 at 7 pm. They are honoring three categories for awards. AAHSD is receiving an award for their community partner honoree.
- Topic 5 AAHSD anniversary
  - July 1 will be AAHSD's 10-year anniversary. We will put something together to honor that date.
- Next meeting scheduled April 18, 2022 at 3:15 pm. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.
- Motion to adjourn by Carol Broussard and seconded by Carla Jean Batiste. Meeting adjourned 4:10 pm.

Submitted by: 

Quinta Thompson,  
AAHSD Board Secretary