



**ACADIANA AREA  
HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT**  
Serving Individuals with Disability/Compensation/Care

## Acadiana Area Human Services District-Board Meeting Minutes

### Tyler Mental Health Center

**April 28, 2014**

**Members Present:** Georgie Blanchard (St. Martin Parish); Rob Eastin (Evangeline Parish); Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish); Patricia LaBrosse (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); Kay Marcel (Iberia Parish); Mary Neiheisel (Lafayette Parish); George Pourciau (Acadia Parish);

**Members Absent:** Claire Daly (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish) – notified of absence; Amy Theobald (St. Landry Parish) – notified of absence

**Employees:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Richard Landry, DD Director;

**Others:** Matthew Rovira, Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Council, Chair;

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Call to order by Dr. Mary Neiheisel, Chair, at 6:15 p.m.
Roll Call	<u>6</u> board members personally present.	
Quorum (5 needed)	<u>6</u> board members personally present. (7 <sup>th</sup> member arrived later)	Secretary announced a Quorum present.
Approval of March 24, 2014, Minutes	Rob Eastin/George Pourciau moved/seconded approval of March minutes.	Motion passed unanimously.
Solicit Public Comment Requests	None	
Public Comments/Input	None	
Guest Speaker – Matthew Rovira, Chairperson, Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Council (DD/RAC)	Mr. Rovira provided information about the DD/RAC. State and regional councils were established by statute in 1994. DD/RACs receive information and provide input to regional DD agencies and human service districts/authorities. Membership must include at least 60 percent individuals with developmental disabilities and/or family members of individuals with developmental disabilities. Meetings are open to the	



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i. Board Committee Principles (pg. 23)	<p>minutes of meetings provide documentation that the Board is following Committee Principles.</p> <p>George Pourciau/Georgie Blanchard moved/seconded that the Board is in compliance with this policy.</p>	Motion passed unanimously.
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <p>a. Community Foundation of Acadiana</p> <p>b. LGE Assessment</p> <p>c. Legislative Audit</p>	<p>A packet has been received from the Foundation. Brad Farmer will meet with our attorney before completing the packet.</p> <p>A letter has been received stating that the AAHSD has successfully completed Phase III requirements and is a 'fully' operating entity. Brad Farmer expressed appreciation to Jennifer Sonnier for organizing all the documentation available for the assessment team's review during their visit.</p> <p>Brad Farmer reported that the review is complete but receipt of the report is pending while audits of 4 districts/authorities are reviewed.</p>	
Comments from Ex. Director	<p>Issues during the legislative session are being monitored. Brad Farmer was asked to provide testimony and provided information on the AAHSD budget during a Finance Committee meeting on SB355 by Senator Fred Mills.</p> <p>Brad Farmer reported that the CARF training held last Thursday was attended by 30-35 participants from all areas of the state. Comments were overwhelmingly positive. They will be tallied and sent to</p>	

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	<p>Board.</p> <p>There was discussion about establishing an Escrow Account internal to the Department of Health and Hospitals with funds generated above AAHSD budget allocation.</p> <p>Brad Farmer plans to attend the Behavioral Health State Advisory Council meeting in Baton Rouge on Monday.</p>	
Comments from Chair	<p>Mary Neiheisel asked Board members to be thinking of ways to generate funds to open and maintain an account at the Community Foundation of Acadiana and be prepared to share ideas at next meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Neiheisel expressed her appreciation to Board members for their continued support and participation.</p>	
Date and location of Next Meeting – discuss dates for May and June meetings	By consensus, the Board will NOT meet in May.	<p>Date and Time: Monday, June 30, 2014, 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>Location : Tyler Mental Health Center – 302 Dulles Drive, Auditorium 2, Lafayette, LA</p>
Adjournment	Georgie Blanchard/Janise Hardy moved adjournment.	Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m..
Submitted by Secretary		<p><i>Kay Marcel</i> Secretary, AAHSDB</p>