



ACADIANA AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

Tyler Behavioral Health Clinic

August 17, 2020

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

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

Employees: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Takiyah Milton, Administrative Assistant

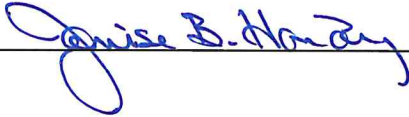
Others: Jennifer Stelly, Director of Human Resources; Tammara Smith, COO; Troy Abshire, Director of Developmental Disabilities

Vacancies: Evangeline Parish

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Call to order by Janise Hardy, at 3:17 p.m.
Roll Call	7 board members personally present	
Quorum	7 board members personally present	Chair announced a Quorum present.
Approval of the Consent Agenda for August 17, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. July minutes b. Agenda Calendar Item <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Limit: Financial Condition & Activities (Policy 1.5) 	Elizabeth West/Micah Moscovis moved/seconded approval of the Consent Agenda for August 17, 2020.	Motion passed unanimously
Solicit Public Comment Requests	Public Notices were posted at the AAHSD clinics and on the website. Open meeting laws are available.	

Public Comments/Input	No public comments.	
<p>Comments from Executive Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. COVID 19 update b. Fiscal update c. Legislative audit update d. Special programs/events e. Children's services update 	<p>Brad explained that the Governor has extended the order continuing to follow Phase II protocols for the State. AAHSD continues following CDC guidelines. Rules for injection medications require a physician to be present, so they have had to make adjustments for this particular treatment. One client arrived and self-identified as testing positive for Covid. They were not allowed to enter the building, and the patient was serviced in their vehicle. Another patient who was presumed Covid positive. That patient was issued a temporary oral prescription until they could receive the injection. Brad stated that a new policy was created regarding flexing employee schedule between the hours of 7am to 8pm; schedule must be approved by supervisor and is subject to change based on the Governor's order.</p> <p>A fiscal exercise was completed that includes a significant reduction in the budget. There have been two payments of federal funding received related to the CARES Act that totals just over 1 million dollars. Brad also discussed an Office of Behavioral Health grant in the amount of \$75,000 for National Zero Suicide program. This program will be handled by the Family Tree.</p> <p>The legislative audit has been completed. Auditors will be present at the next board meeting to provide a briefing of the results.</p> <p>Telepharmacy services have been increased at the Crowley location working with Genoa pharmacy. Brad discussed that AAHSD will be hosting a 3 day behavioral health symposium beginning September 10th titled "Mental Health 101". Lafayette Consolidated Government has created a health and wellness committee as part of the Covid task force, and Brad has been asked to participate. He provided the board with a copy of the print advertisement that was published in 008 Magazine. On September 30th, AAHSD will be sponsoring a virtual town hall meeting with</p>	

	<p>Mental Health America called “Behavioral Health 911” that addresses child/adolescent mental health and opioid epidemic. Brad stated that he participated in a call with “Unite Us” which is a customer service case management (in real time) web-based referral program. He is looking into the possibility to join the program.</p> <p>Rack cards have been printed and distributed explaining children services. Still working to secure child/adolescent psychiatrists. The recently hired child/adolescent coordinator has resigned; advertisement has been placed to search for a new coordinator.</p>	
<p>Comments from Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board advocacy reports b. Website update c. Board letter review/discussion 	<p>The possibility of using television advertisement and billboard advertisement was discussed.</p> <p>Janise Hardy asked if anyone had advocacy to report. Yasmin Welch stated that she has been referring her client base which is now seen via telehealth.</p> <p>The website has outdated information regarding board members. Brad gave an update pertaining to the new website.</p> <p>The letter to address concerns brought to the board by community stakeholders was reviewed and discussed. Yasmin Welch requested that the letter include a breakdown of the referral and eligibility for child/adolescent services; also to remove any information that sounding patronizing. Janise Hardy stated that the letter will be revised per the board’s recommendations.</p>	
<p>Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, September 21, 2020 @ 3:15 pm.</p>	<p>Date and Time: Monday, September 21, 2020 @ 3:15 pm</p> <p>Location: Tyler BHC 302 Dulles Drive</p>

		Lafayette, LA 70506 Meeting will be face to face unless there is continued Covid outbreak.
Adjournment	Carol Broussard/Elizabeth West moved/seconded adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm
Submitted by Secretary		Secretary, AAHSD Board of Directors