Imperial Calcasieu Human Service Authority

Home of Doug Hebert

1273 Old Pump Road

Kinder, LA 70648

December 15, 2012, 4:30-6:00pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Doug Hebert, Jr. called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum of the membership was present.

1. ROLE CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Mr. Doug Hebert, Jr., Allen Parish
2. Mrs. Patty Farris, Beauregard Parish
3. Mrs. Susan Dupont, Cameron Parish
4. Mrs. Christina Mehal, Jefferson Davis Parish
5. Mr. Clarence “Chris” Stewart, Governor Appointee
6. Mr. Shawn Sabelhaus, Governor Appointee
7. Mr. David Palay, Governor Appointee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Mrs. Sandy Gay, Calcasieu Parish

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

1. Mrs. Tanya McGee, ImCalHSA Executive Director
2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Chris Stewart to approve the November Board Meeting minutes and it was seconded by Shawn Sabelhaus.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORT ON DATA GATHERING FOR PHASE II READINESS ASSESSMENT:

Mr. Doug Hebert, Jr. reported that he will be meeting on January 23, 2013 with the Allen Parish Health Coalition at the Allen Parish School Board about the ImCalHSA Board.

Mrs. Patty Farris had spoken to the Beauregard Parish Police Jury about the ImCalHSA Board and at that meeting she was reappointed to the ImCalHSA board for another term. Mrs. Tanya McGee asked if Mrs. Farris could provide her with a copy of the minutes from that meeting.

Mrs. Christina Mehal is to be on the agenda with the Jefferson Davis Lions Club to discuss the ImCalHSA Board.

Mr. Shawn Sabelhaus stated he will be lining up meetings with stakeholders beginning in January.

Mrs. Susan Dupont stated she has spoken to Judge Penelope Richard and will be inviting her to the next board meeting in January.

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mrs. Tanya McGee, ImCalHSA Executive Director provided the Board a copy of the Region 5 monthly expenditure report, then provided the following update:

Mrs. Tanya McGee, ImCalHSA Executive Director reported to the board that she has been working with DHH and the Executive Directors of existing LGE’s in redrafting the Accountability and Implementation Plan (AIP). The AIP is an addendum document to the contract the ImCalHSA Board will sign with DHH and it outlines the responsibilities of DHH and ImCalHSA when ImCalHSA receives authority over the offices of Behavioral Health and Office of Developmental Disabilities. This document includes the performance outcomes standards set forth by DHH and our reporting requirements. In addition, Mrs. McGee requested from Civil Service the creation of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position. The CFO will also serve as the Chief Operations Officer (COO). The position should be announced in late January. Next step is to request to fill the HR Director and the Administrative Assistant positions.

She also added an update on the mid-year budget cuts. DHH will suffer a $51.8 million reduction statewide. The affect on services in our local area will be as follows:

For OCDD:

1. An income cap has been placed on families receiving Flexible Family funds. (Historically, recipients who qualified for this service were not bound by any income qualifications. Now if a family’s income is 650% above poverty level they do not qualify. Only 2 families, out of 90 families receiving this service in our region were affected by this change.)

For OBH:

1. $188,000 is now required to be cut from contracts (a 10% reduction) which for next year’s budget will be annualized as a $376,000 decrease in funding.
2. The Department of Family and Children Services (DCFS which is not under OBH is cutting all TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funded programs/services which are provided through OBH. This eliminates the ECSS (Early Childhood Supports and Services) program which provides BH treatment for children ages 0-6. This program had yet to be implemented in our region. It also eliminates the funding for our screening/assessment services at the local DCFS office and our Women’s Gender-specific substance abuse Intensive Outpatient program. But with the utilization of an existing vacant position, OBH should be able to maintain the women’s GS program.
3. POLICY TOPICS TABLED IN NOVEMBER:

A motion was made by Mr. David Palay to leave policy items 6.1 and 6.2 as is and Mr. Shawn Sabelhaus seconded the motion. Mr. David Palay also made a motion to not change 7.1 and 7.2 and for them to be maintained as is. Mr. Shawn Sabelhaus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

1. ADJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chris Stewart and seconded by Mr. David Palay.