

NORTHEAST DELTA HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY (NEDHSA)

Board Meeting MINUTES

June 11, 2019

Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Offices

2513 Ferrand St, Monroe, LA 71201

5:30PM

Call to Order Meeting called to order by Michael Shipp and prayer was led by Thelma Merrells and a quorum was met.

Adopt Agenda: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve /accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Minutes of May 21: A Motion was made by Latanya Whiteside and seconded by Thelma Merrells to approve / accept the Minutes with correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Members Present:

Mike Shipp, Latanya Whiteside, Dr. E. H. Baker, Amanda Booth and Thelma Merrells

Board member Absent: Yvonne Lewis

Northeast Delta HSA staff present: Dr. Monteic Sizer, Dr. Avius Carroll and Delores Harris

Ownership Linkage-Recognition of Guests: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No requests for comment.

BOARD EDUCATION/ ENDS Items for DISCUSSION

Upcoming Events/Community Action

We hosted client appreciation events the entire Month of May 2019. We had festive events scheduled at each of our regional clinic locations. Both staff and clients really appreciated the gesture.

We are hosting a statewide prison reentry summit on June 11, 2019 at First West Church in Monroe. The event will be from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. This will be a standing room only event.

The health fair held in West Monroe on June 8, 2019 was a resounding success. We met in the West Monroe Community Center. The theme was “Be Strong! Be Healthy. Be Happy!

Dr. Sizer will be the keynote speaker during several upcoming events, to include ULM’s Addictions and Elderly Symposium, Prison Reentry Summit, etc.

We are working with a local attorney to execute criminal expungements for non-violent clients with mental illness and addiction. Ruston will likely be our pilot site. More information will be forth coming.

My meeting with Dr. Morris, the new Dean of ULM's Medical School, was very positive. We plan to continue conversations around ways to meet regional primary and behavioral health care needs.

We are formalizing an Adverse Childhood Trauma Institute within NEDHSA. This will not cost extra money. We already have the subject matters experts on staff and the existing programming to support it. What will make our institute different is our ability to discuss, prevent and treat those who have experienced childhood trauma. This is a hot topic nationally.

I met with Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences, Dean Ronald Berry to discuss a formal Northeast Delta/University of Louisiana –Monroe partnership. I continue to meet with other university faculty around our upcoming partnership. ULM President Bruno is reviewing the MOU and plans to sign it. We discussed the following opportunities:

- ☞ Working with the university business incubator to help with regional economic development and small business capacity
- ☞ Working with the economic impact study faculty to measure Northeast Delta's regional impact
- ☞ Working with the gerontology faculty as part of our Operations Golden Years initiative
- ☞ Working with university faculty on policy issues and funding opportunities
- ☞ Contributing to the practice management program of study

GOVERNANCE PROCESS/EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS for DECISIONS

Executive Director – Monthly Activity and Fiscal Reports

After the ED's report was presented, along with monthly Fiscal data, a Motion made by Dr. E. H. Baker and seconded by Latanya Whiteside to approve / accept the ED report, documentation and Fiscal reports as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Planning & Budgeting/Financial Condition and Activities – *With respect to the actual, ongoing financial condition and activities, the ED shall not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from board priorities established in Ends policies.*

NEDHSA's FY18-19 appropriated budget is \$14,248,950. Our SGF = \$10,296,034. Our IAT = \$3,179,072. Self-generated = \$773,844.

Board –

- Agenda Planning (Policy Manual Page 9) Mike Shipp asked board if they wanted any changes to the current format of the Agenda. No change was implemented at this time.
- Cost of Governance (Policy Manual page 8) Discussed and no change was made.
- Upcoming Events/Community Activities - Thelma Merrells reported that the event happening at New Light Church called My Talent has been a wonderful experience for her and the people attending. She also mentioned a health fair being held at New Light Church.
- Board Development Activity

BOARD MANAGEMENT – *Ongoing*

- Travel Forms due MONTHLY
- Board member recruitment

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Next Meeting – July 9, 2019 - 5:30 pm

**Ouachita Parish Health Unit – Community Room
1650 Desiard Street, Monroe, LA 71202**