



**Metropolitan Human Services District
Board of Directors Meeting
March 29, 2018
12:30pm
Algiers Behavioral Health Clinic
3100 General DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70014**

MHSD fulfills its statutory role as the planning body for the behavioral health, addiction and intellectual/developmental disability services for the residents of Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes by ensuring that eligible residents in these parishes have access to person centered and recovery focused supports designed to optimize their role in the community.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - Gary Mendoza, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:50pm.

- II. Attendance
 - Roll was taken, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Gary Mendoza, Sarintha Stricklin, PhD, Stanley Simeon, Cathy Lazarus, MD, Marsha Broussard, MPA, Sarah Schirmer, MPH and Mike Miller. Absent from the meeting were Michael Pechon, and Sylvie Tran and Charlotte Parent. Gary Mendoza, Chair, was the ranking member and presided over the meeting

- III. Approval of the March 2, 2018 Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes with correction of the spelling of Sarah Schirmer's name. Motion to approve by Dr. Joseph Kanter, 2nd by Mike Miller, all in favor.

- IV. Monitoring Reports
 - Finance Committee
 - i. The Board Members reviewed the provided finance reports. Nothing further needed to be discussed.
 - ii. Dr. Dunham shared information regarding a budget meeting that she attended in Baton Rouge. She discussed the proposed cuts that are being discussed by LDH (Louisiana Department of Health). Dr. Dunham stressed to the board that these are all proposed cuts and not final. MHSD will be

monitoring the passage of HB1 in the 2018 Regular Session of the legislature which is the budget for all state entities.

V. Decision Information

○ Review of the New Ends Policy

- i. The board members reviewed the Ends Policies with the suggested changes submitted by the Board. The proposed changes were discussed by the board. A motion to approve the Ends Policies, Items 1-8 with the proposed edits was made by Dr. Cathy Lazarus, 2nd by Dr. Marsha Broussard, all in favor. The board will review three new proposed Ends Policies, Items 9-12, and the Executive Limitations Policy at the next board meeting.

VI. Consent Agenda

○ Problem Gambling Awareness Month Presentation

- i. The presenter was unable to come to the board meeting due to the weather and will be rescheduled.

VII. Self-evaluation

- Dr. Dunham asked Gary Mendoza for clarity on what exactly the Board would like presented at the board meetings. She explained to the board that the Board will now have a “Share Drive” that MHSD will start putting Board information for the board members to review prior to the meetings. Dr. Cathy Lazarus asked if a standing item on the board agenda could be added for information that was not discussed in the meeting but shared via the “Share Drive”. Gary Mendoza agreed this would be added as a standing agenda item and would go under monitoring reports.
- Sarah Schirmer asked about page 9 of the ends policy. She asked about measuring any gaps in cost benefits, and is MHSD providing the services required by statute, rule or grant as well as the measure of the efficiency. Dr. Dunham explained that this is not something that is easily quantified. MHSD and the Board need to find a way to incorporate this into the Ends Policies. Gary Mendoza agreed, but stated he was unsure of how it would be measured. MHSD will work with the Board to try to develop an Ends Policy to measure this request.

VIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Dr. Cathy Lazarus, 2nd by Dr. Marsha Broussard, all in favor.