

**Coordinated System of Care  
Statewide Governance Board Meeting  
August 23, 2023  
Bienville Building, Room 173, 628 N. Fourth St., Baton Rouge, LA 70821  
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Michael Brown at 1:05 pm.

**Roll Call**

Board members present: Karen Austin, Dr. Marilyn Thornton, Michael Comeaux, Tonya Joiner and Yolonda Latimer (via Zoom)

Board members absent: Kathy Edmonston

**Approval of Minutes**

Members were presented with the May 2023 meeting minutes. Tonya moved and Dr. Thornton seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written.

**Elections**

Sareda informed the board that Karen Austin is now serving as the Department of Children and Family Services designee. She also shared that Michael agreed to serve as chair if elected. Tonya moved for approval and Dr. Thornton seconded. The motion was approved and Michael was elected chair. Tonya moved for approval for Dr. Thornton to continue on the board and Karen seconded. Tonya made a motion for Kathy to continue on the board and Karen seconded. The motions were approved.

**Director's Report**

Data for reporting period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 were presented via PowerPoint slides, which were also emailed to members. Sareda McPhee, CSOC Director, discussed highlights of the report; shared recent news, successes, and community outreach events from wraparound agencies; and invited questions from board members. The full report may be viewed at [www.csoc.la.gov](http://www.csoc.la.gov).

Heather Barnes, Executive Director of Behavioral Services of Louisiana, shared FSO updates and success stories from Regions 6 and 9.

**Committee Reports**

**Quality Assurance Committee Report**

Michael shared that Cindy Guitrau retired and Yolonda Latimer is now serving as the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) chairperson. Yolonda reported that the QAC met on August 21, 2023 and reviewed the CSOC Data Dashboard. This dashboard includes outcomes data that Sareda shared in the Director's Report.

**New Business**

Wendy Bowlin, Director of Quality and Outcomes with Magellan of Louisiana, presented on fidelity monitoring results from 2022.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Action Items**

Statewide Governance Board meetings will be held on the following dates at 1:00 pm:

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

Tonya moved and Karen seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.