**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**Monday, July 19, 2021**

1310 N. Hearne Avenue – Shreveport Behavioral Health Clinic – Shreveport, LA

**Note: Those who had Covid-19 concerns preventing them from attending in person were allowed**

**to participate by Zoom Conference Call without loss of voting privileges.**

Called to Order: By George Sewell at 5:30pm

Roll Call: George Sewell, Kristi Copeland, Gary Conlay, and Carolyn Carter were present. Fletcher Carter and Mary Brocato were excused. Njeri Camara and Matthew Linn were absent. Bienville, Red River, Governor Appointee #2 and Governor Appointee #3 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 4 out of 8 board members confirmed by George Sewell, Board Chair. Doug Efferson, Executive Director was present.

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: None.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Gary Conlay to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes for June 21, 2021: Moved by Gary Conlay to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved.

Guest and Public Comments: None.

Executive Limitations: Doug Efferson gave a summary of his written report on Financial Conditions & Activities, Communication and Support to the Board, and Global Executive Constraints. Of note was that Matthew Linn and Doug Efferson attended the June 25th LARC/OBH Work Group regarding Mobile Crisis Services and the Shreveport Department. About 30 attendees were present and discussed the challenges of Mental Health 911 calls and possible community partner solutions. Kristi Copeland moved to accept the report, seconded by Carolyn Carter, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Board Business: George Sewell led a review of the Agenda Planning and Cost of Governance policies. Kristi Copeland moved to accept the policies without any changes, seconded by Gary Conlay, and unanimously approved. George Sewell accepted the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee and, after no additional names were submitted, the Board unanimously voted Matthew Linn as Board Chair, Fletcher Carter as Board Vice-Chair, Mary Brocato and Board Secretary, and George Sewell as Board Treasurer. The June Board Compliance Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The July Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was to be completed and sent to Doug Efferson for summary. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, August 16th at 5:30pm in-person or by Zoom for those with Covid-19 concerns.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: None.

Adjournment: Kristi Copeland moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm, seconded by Gary Conlay, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by George Sewell, Board Chair