**Northwest Louisiana Human Service District (NLHSD)**

Meeting Agenda for

**Monday, August 18, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.**

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

**Called to order**: Dee Fowler called the meeting to order at 5:30.

**Invocation**: Fred Jones gave the invocation

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome/Special Guest-Courtney Phillips, Deputy Secretary to Kathy Kliebert:**

Dee Fowler introduced Ms. Phillips who stated she was visiting each of the Human District Boards. She gave a brief over view of issues related to NLHSD. The FY 2015 budget should be completed by 10/15. Highlights-expanded waiver slots working to get people off of the waiting list. Behavioral Health still doesn’t have a full continuum of care. There are more services but not enough. Psychiatric placement and therapeutic group homes are lacking. The CSoC service package is being adjusted to all children. Ms. Phillips will send Executive Director Efferson a list of the expanded services for all children. He will then forward the list to board members. The health promotion initiative, Well Ahead, is making the state healthier from infancy to the end. There are different certification levels working toward a complete continuum.

**Roll Call : Quorum Present**

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| Bienville-Vacant | Bossier-Vacant | Caddo-Njeri Camara  Present | Claiborne-Vacant |
| DeSoto-Fred Jones  Present | Natchitoches-Sandy Wiggins Absent  (car trouble) | Red River-Wanda Brock  Present | Sabine-Marcelle Slaughter  Absent (excused) |
| Webster-Ora Rice  Present | Gov.-Deanna Fowler  Present | Gov.-Barbara Marshall  Absent | Gov.-Chris Nolen  Present |
| Staff ED-D. Efferson | Wendy Goad | Michelle Impson | Tina Rivera |
| Guests- David Sikes,  Louisiana Choices | Z Washington,  Ekhaya Youth Project FSO | Tambrea Hunt,  Magellan |  |

**Approval of Agenda:** Camara moved and Brock seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2014:** Brock moved and Jones seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

**Guest and Public Comments:** No public comments

**CSoC Informational Presentation by David Sykes, Brandi Johnston, Z Washington:**

Information was provided briefly outlining Louisiana’s Coordinated System of Care (CSoC), a collaborative approach offered to children and youth in greatest risk of out of home placement, by Mr. Sikes who represents Louisiana Choices the Wraparound Agency (WAA) serving the district. Anyone can refer a child/youth to be screened for the CSoC services by calling 1-800-424-4399. They have served 220 in the district. There is a state cap of 1200. Ms. Washington represents the Family Support Organization (FSO) serving the district that works with the WAA to develop and coordinate a plan of care to support youth in returning or remaining in the community. Magellan is the managed care contractor that handles all of the funding. LA Choices is trying to work with local Children and Youth Planning Boards on a quarterly basis to further inform communities of service availability and the process for accessing the services.

**Agenda Items for Discussion/Action:**

**New Business**

1.      **Executive Limitations – Official Executive Director Report on File with the Secretary and available for public inspection.**

a.   **Communication and Support to the Board:** ED Efferson stated that the AIP will be signed in September or October

b**. Financial Condition & Activities**

**c. Treatment of Consumers**

**d. Ends Focus of Grants or Contracts**

**Camara moved and Brock seconded a motion to accept the ED report as in compliance. The motion carried**

2. **Governance Process**

**a. ENDS Statements:** Jones moved and Brock seconded a motion to continue the current ENDS statement. The motion carried.

**b. Board Monitoring Summary Report July 2014:** Brock moved and Jones seconded a motion to accept the Monitoring Summary report for July. The motion carried.

3**. Board Business**

**Old Business**

1. **Re-review of Bylaws for typographical errors:** No vote needed at this time
2. **August Board Compliance Monitoring Tool Completion:** Monitoring tool completed by each board member and returned to Fowler.

**Announcements/Acknowledgements: None**

**Next Proposed Meeting Date: Monday, September 15, 2014.**

**Adjournment:** Camara moved and Jones seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20.