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

Meeting Minutes for

**Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.**

1310 N. Hearne Avenue – Shreveport Behavioral Health Clinic – Shreveport, LA 71107

**Call to order-5:50PM**

**Invocation- by Marcelle Slaughter**

**Pledge of Allegiance- by Dee Fowler**

**Welcome-President Camara welcomed the guest.**

**Roll Call -There was a quorum, 7 out of 10 active members were present.**

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| Bienville- Vacant | Bossier- George Sewell-P | Caddo-Njeri Camara-P | Claiborne-Jamie Lennard-P |
| DeSoto- Fletcher Carter-P | Natchitoches- Vacant | Red River-Wanda Brock-EX | Sabine-Marcelle Slaughter-P |
| Webster-Ora Rice-P | Gov.-Deanna Fowler-P | Gov.- Reece Middleton-P | Gov.-Chris Nolen-P |
| Staff ED-D. Efferson-P |  |  |  |
| Guests-  Duane Ebarb-P |  |  |  |

**Approval of Agenda- Dee Fowler moved for the approval of agenda, seconded by Fletcher Carter, motion carried.**

**Approval of the Minutes for November 20, 2017 Board Meeting- George Sewell moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Dee Fowler, motion carried.**

**Guest and Public Comments- Lakeisha Mosley and Duane Ebarb**

**Lakeisha Mosley presented herself as the new Community Awareness and Outreach Coordinator for the Louisiana Association for Compulsive Gambling.**

**Duane Ebarb discussed some of the items on the agenda. He indicated that LaCann and the DD Council will be advocating and asking for 800 waiver slots for the New Opportunities Waiver. Mixed Waivers have 300 existing slots that have not been funded. They are requesting 500 slots and $4.5 million to fund, a $29 Million -dollar budget and 800 state-wide slots.**

**There are 13,400 on the waiting list for services, 1,300 most urgent to keep family members in the home. They reached 10,000. Once someone has a waiver slot with a private provider agency, the agency is paid $14.44 an hour to pay for direct care worker, RN salary and training.**

**CPR First Aid identify 1,375 with complex behavioral medical needs, competent workers could not be found, $7.55 an hour.**

**$19.00 an hour reimbursement rate. Cost to state 2.66 million out of the state general funds. LDH and OCDD if $19.00 is passed, level 5 highest medical need. Level 6 behavioral need. Tefra tax incentive program $1l.6 million state general fund. A middle-income family with a child can get a Medicaid card.**

**They identified 2, 118 children that would qualify. The Department of Education-behavioral problem issues in the classroom asked to get an alternative school. Training for education teachers is hard. The Legislative Roundtable discussion is set for January 12th.**

**Agenda Items for Discussion/Action:**

**New Business**

1. **Executive Limitations-**

Dee Fowler moved to accept the Ed Report for November as in compliance with the Governance Policy Manual. Reece Middleton seconded. Motion carried.

**a. Financial Condition &Activities Page 7**

**b.  Communication and Support to the Board Page 14**

**c. Asset Protection Page 12-13**

**2. Governance Process**

**a. None**

**Board Business**

1. **Board Monitoring Summary Report of November, 2017**
2. **December Board Compliance Monitoring Tool Completion.**
3. **Next Proposed Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2017 @5:30, there was a date change for the board meeting from Monday, January 15, 2018 to Tuesday January 16, 2018 due to the MLK Holiday. There was a unanimous approval for the date change.**

**Announcements/Acknowledgements**

**Adjournment- Chris Nolen moved to adjourn, seconded by George Sewell, meeting adjourned at 6:42PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ora Rice**

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Secretary