**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**February 21, 2022**

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 Matthew Linn at 5:30pm

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Matthew Linn

Roll Call: George Sewell, David Hoey, Kristie Copeland, Gary Conlay, Carolyn Carter and Matthew Linn were present. Tray Murray and Mary Brocato were Excused. Bienville, DeSoto, Governor Appointee #2 and Governor Appointee #3 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 6 out of 8 board members confirmed by Kristie Copeland, Board Secretary. Doug Efferson, Executive Director was present.

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: Katlyn Stewart, Community Outreach and Communication Coordinator for LACG was welcomed.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by George Sewell to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by David Hoey, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes for January 18, 2021: Moved by David Hoey to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by George Sewell, 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, Treatment of Providers and Strategic Plan Indicators Update. Of note was the fact that all but two of the indicators were at or above their goals. The two slightly lower than expected were related to Covid-19 issues like day care programs not being open and adolescents not completing their inpatient addiction program. George Sewell moved to accept the report, seconded by David Hoey, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Board Business: Matthew Linn led a review of the Accountability to Owners policy. David Hoey moved to accept the policy, seconded by George Sewell, and unanimously approved without any policy change. Matthew Linn then made a final request for comments form be submitted to him by email for summary. The board reviewed and approved gthe following Board Proclamation for Problem Gambling Awareness Month:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling provides a number of unique services to the state of Louisiana including the operation of the Louisiana Problem Gamblers Helpline 1-877-770-STOP, the management of Center for Recovery-CORE, the only state residential treatment facility for compulsive gambling, and the provision of free outpatient counseling services to compulsive and problem gamblers who are residents of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has proclaimed March, 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District Board of Directors would like to recognize the important work done by the Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling and the need to raise community awareness regarding the resources available to those needing treatment for gambling addiction;

BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 21st day of February, 2022, the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District Board of Directors hereby proclaims support for Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling services and the month of March being used to promote awareness of Problem Gambling.

The January Board Compliance Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The February Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was completed and given to Doug Efferson for summary. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:30pm, in-person or by Zoom for those with Covid-19 concerns.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: None.

Adjournment: David Hoey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm, seconded by Kristie Copeland, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by Kristie Copeland, Board Secretary