**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**Monday, October 18, 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 Matthew Linn at 5:30pm

Roll Call: George Sewell, Kristi Copeland, Gary Conlay, Tray Murray, Mary Brocato and Matthew Linn were present. Carolyn Carter was absent. Bienville, Caddo, DeSoto, Governor Appointee #2 and Governor Appointee #3 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 6 out of 7 board members confirmed by Matthew Linn, Board Chair. Doug Efferson, Executive Director was present.

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: Janet Miller with LACG was welcomed.

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

Approval of the Minutes for September 20, 2021: Moved by Tray Murray 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 Treatment of Staff. Of note was successful resolution regarding how Sabine Parish Physician Emergency Certificates are to be handled going forward. Also, Doug Efferson informed the Board that the LDH/OBH Coordinated Crisis System – Request for Application required LGEs to have firewalls separating current funding, staff and services from being used to support the provision of the new services and that this requirement effectively restricted LGEs from applying. In addition, Doug Efferson informed the Board that he had polled the other 9 LGEs and confirmed that they had similar concerns and would not be submitting an application. Matthew Linn requested Doug Efferson send all Board members a copy of the application and relevant information for them to review and forward to providers in their parishes that may be interested in submitting an application. Mary Brocato moved to accept the report, seconded by Tray Murray, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Board Business: Matthew Linn led a review of the Global Linkage and Unity of Control policies. George Sewell moved to accept the policies without any changes, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved. Matthew Linn put forth Kristi Copeland as his nomination for Board Secretary. After her acceptance of the nomination, George Sewell moved to appoint Kristi Copeland to be Board Secretary, seconded by Tray Murray, and unanimously approved by the Board. The September Board Compliance Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The October Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was to be completed and given to Doug Efferson for summary. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, November 15th at 5:30pm in-person or by Zoom for those with Covid-19 concerns.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: None.

Adjournment: Tray Murray moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53pm, seconded by George Sewell, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by Kristi Copeland, Board Secretary