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

Meeting Minutes for

**Monday, February 20, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.**

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chairman Chris Nolen.

Invocation was offered by Chairman Chris Nolen

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dee Fowler**.**

Chairman Nolen welcomed Guests, ED, and members—new and old. Introductions of made of new Board members—George Sewel who has worked 34 years in the field of Addictive Disorders, worked on Help Line and Substance Abuse Line, and has helped at CORE; and Fletcher Carter who is a board member to the DeSoto Parish Health Unit, has his own childcare center and has a grandson with special needs.

**Roll Call**

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| Bienville-**Vacant** | Bossier-George Sewell  **Present** | Caddo-Njeri Camara  **Excused-Ill** | Claiborne-**Vacant** |
| DeSoto-Fletcher Carter  **Present** | Natchitoches-Sandy Wiggins-Long  **Present** | Red River-Wanda Brock  **Present** | Sabine-Marcelle Slaughter  **Present** |
| Webster-Ora Rice  **Present** | Gov.-Deanna Fowler  **Present** | Gov.-**Vacant** | Gov.-Chris Nolen  **Present** |
| Staff ED-D. Efferson |  |  |  |
| Guests- Wendy Goad |  |  |  |

**Approval of Agenda:** Fowler moved that Wendy Goad’s report on the Natchitoches Adolescent Services that was asked about at meeting last month be placed as first (a.) on the Executive Limitations section of New Business with a second by Wiggins-Long to accept the agenda with modifications. Motion was carried.

**Approval of the January 17, 2017 Minutes:** Fowler moved with a second by Wiggins-Long to accept the minutes as printed. Motion was carried.

**Guest and Public Comments:** None

**Agenda Items for Discussion/Action**

**New Business**

1. **Executive Limitations – Official Executive Director Report on b. through d. is on File with the**

**Secretary and available for public inspection.**

1. **Report by Wendy Goad, Behavioral Health Director, on Natchitoches Behavioral Health**

**Clinic’s Adolescent Services:** Last month there were question regarding Children/Adolescent

Services in Natchitoches being closed for new admissions. Wendy reported that there is no

waiting list at this time, but there is limited doctor coverage in some of the clinics in the district.

She agreed to look further into the situation with this specific case. She feels that the person who

took the call may not have had enough information about the services available.

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

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

**d. Treatment of Providers Page 5-6**

Motion was made by Fowler to accept the ED’s Report as submitted with a second by Brock.

Motion was carried.

Governance Manual Policy on Treatment of Providers also reviewed. Fowler moved with second

by Brock to accept the policy as printed. Motion carried.

**2. Governance Process**

**a. Accountability to Owners Page 17-18**

Governance Manual Policy on Accountability to Owners reviewed. Brock moved with second

by Slaughter to accept the policy as printed. Motion carried.

1. **Board Monitoring Summary Report of January 2017**

Fowler distributed the report. Report was very positive**.**

**3. Old Business**

**a. Committee Report Stakeholder Surveys:** Committee reviewed the surveys and only added one

question to each of the 3 surveys dealing with how budget cuts have impacted them. Brock moved

with second by Rice to accept the new surveys. Motion carried.

1. **February Board Compliance Monitoring Tool Completion:** Distributed by Fowler for completion and tallying.

**4. Board Business**

1. **Executive Session:**

Brock moved with second by Slaughter to go into executive session. Motion carried.

1. **Strategic Planning**
2. **Solicit and Collect Comments on ED Performance**

Brock moved with second by Carter to go out of executive session. Motion carried.

No Action was taken.

**Announcements/Acknowledgements: None**

**Next Proposed Meeting Date: Monday, March 20, 2017 @ 5:30**

Brock moved for adjournment with a second by Fowler. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Deanna L. Fowler**

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Secretary