

Northwest Louisiana Human Service District (NLHSD) – Region 7  
Monday, December 12, 2011  
5:30 p.m.  
1525 Fairfield Avenue; 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room – Shreveport, LA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the NLHSD was held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Marcelle Slaughter. In attendance: Fred Jones, Marcelle Slaughter, Jerri Lee, Margaret Lowery, David Melville, Roland Pippin, Chris Nolen, and Njeri Camara. DHH Staff present: Russell Semon

Discussion on board representation yielded Dee Fowler has been appointed to represent Natchitoches Parish, leaving only Red River Parish appointee and two governor appointee seats vacant.

The board postponed moving forward with a January community forum. The focus should be self-knowledge of board members to respond in a readiness assessment. The RA team will likely include Joe Comaty, Rusty Semon, Galen Schun, Herman Bignar and others. The RA is an educational process to determine if the Board is ready to move forward with their development with an understanding of their Bylaws, Governance Policies, and the Policy Governance approach and it is an interview, conversational style assessment.

Board members should study and know the roles and functions and respond to questions surrounding the Stakeholder Input, Bylaws/Terms/Conditions, Policy Governance Approach. Rusty to forward copy of the RA Guide to board via email.

Roland Pippin agreed to check on St. Marks Episcopal and David Melville on First United Methodist downtown on site availability to host the forum.

The February board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Community Forum; Week of Feb. 27-29 or Mar 1-2

The next scheduled board meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2012.

No other business to be conducted, Marcelle the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Njeri Camara*, Interim Secretary