**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2020**

District Office Large Conference Room, 1310 North Hearne Avenue, Shreveport LA 71107

Called to Order: By George Sewell at 5:36pm

Invocation: By Fletcher Carter

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Fletcher Carter

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: None.

Roll Call: George Sewell, Kristi Copeland, Fletcher Carter, Gary Conlay, Marcelle Slaughter, Ora Rice and Reece Middleton were present. Matthew Linn was excused. Njeri Camara was absent but in-route. Wanda Brock was excused but listened in by phone. Bienville and Governor Appointee #2 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 7 out of 10 present board members was confirmed by Fletcher Carter, Board Treasurer. Doug Efferson, Executive Director, was present. Njeri Camara arrived at 6:47pm.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Reece Middleton, seconded by Marcelle Slaughter, unanimously approved without any changes.

Approval of the Minutes for December 16, 2019: Moved by Fletcher Carter, seconded by Ora Rice, unanimously approved without any changes.

Guest and Public Comments: None.

Executive Limitations: Doug Efferson gave a summary of his written report on the Financial Conditions & Activities, Communication and Support to the Board, Treatment of Providers, and Strategic Plan Indicators Update. It was noted that the Social media advertising campaign to promote our behavioral clinics and our overall district services has successfully increased the number of individuals visiting our Facebook and Web page. Also noted was the district’s collaboration with Claiborne Memorial Medical Center in support of their opioid addiction awareness and treatment grant. Marcelle Slaughter moved to accept the report, seconded by Reece Middleton, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Governance Process: George Sewell led a review of the Accountability to Owners policy. Njeri Camara moved to accept the policy without change, seconded by Marcelle Slaughter, and unanimously approved.

Board Business: George Sewell reminded Board members of the need to solicit Stakeholder Surveys and submit them for review by March 13th. George Sewell collected ED Performance Comments forms from those present. The January Board Compliance Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The February Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was completed by all present board members. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, March 16th, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: Reece Middleton reminded the board that last year the Board issued a proclamation in support of March being Gambling Awareness Month and asked that they do the same this year. After a short discussion, Reece Middleton moved that the board change the 2019 proclamation to 2020 and present it to LAGC, seconded by Njeri Camara, and unanimously approved by the board, resulting in the following:

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, 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, 2020 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 17th day of February, 2020, 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.

Adjournment: Njeri Camara moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm, seconded by Reece Middleton, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by Fletcher Carter, Board Treasurer