**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**Monday, July 15, 2019**

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

Called to Order: By George Sewell at 5:39pm

Invocation: By George Sewell

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Reece Middleton

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: Rhonda Watts, Louisiana Association of Compulsive Gambling and Doris Mitchell were welcomed.

Roll Call: George Sewell, Njeri Camara, Gary Conlay, Matthew Linn and Reece Middleton were present. Marcelle Slaughter and Ora Rice were excused. Wanda Brock was excused and listened in by phone. Fletcher Carter was absent. Bienville and Governor Appointee #2 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 5 out of 10 present board members was confirmed by Matthew Linn, Board Secretary. Doug Efferson, Executive Director, was present. Kristi Copeland arrived at 5:45pm.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Njeri Camara, Seconded by Reece Middleton, unanimously approved without any changes.

Approval of the Minutes for June 17, 2019: Moved by Njeri Camara, seconded by Reece Middleton, unanimously approved with the change of Marcelle Slaughter being present at the meeting.

Guest and Public Comments: Rhonda Watts thanked the district for help at the end of the fiscal year.

Executive Limitations: Doug Efferson gave a summary of his written report on the Financial Conditions & Activities, Communication and Support to the Board, and Non-appropriated Funds. The board voiced concern regarding mentally ill individuals being placed in HUD housing in area neighborhoods and voiced support for offering Mental Health First Aid to neighborhood associations as well as encouraging the topic to be considered at the next annual Mental Health Awareness and Substance Abuse Prevention Conference at LSUS. Gary Conlay moved to accept the report, seconded by Matthew Linn, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Governance Process: Reece Middleton led a review of Global Governance Commitment and George Sewell led a review of Governance Style. Reece Middleton moved to accept the policies without change, George Sewell seconded, unanimously approved without any changes.

Board Business: Outgoing officers were recognized with plaques and thanked for their service. The June Board Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The July Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was completed by all present board members. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, August 19th, at 5:30pm.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: None.

Adjournment: Reece Middleton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by Matthew Linn, Board Secretary