**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**July 18, 2022**

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

Called to Order: By Matthew Linn at 5:32pm

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Matthew Linn

Roll Call: David Hoey, Don Pledger, Bridgette Salsberry, Matthew Linn and Kristie Copeland were present. Mary Brocato attended by phone. George Sewell and Carolyn Carter were excused. Bienville, Natchitoches and Governor Appointee #2 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 5 out of 9 board members confirmed by Kristie Copeland, Board Secretary. Doug Efferson, Executive Director was present.

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: Rhonda Watts with Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling (LACG) was welcomed.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by David Hoey to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Bridgette Salsberry, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes for June 20, 2022: Moved by David Hoey to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bridgette Salsberry, and unanimously approved.

Guest and Public Comments: Rhonda Watts gave a summary of the 988 rollout efforts. Call volume is already up by 50% and the Media is beginning to speak about it. Matthew Linn asked if there is a protocol in place for individuals who call in and have actually taken a substance like pills, poison, etc. Rhonda stated that there was a national protocol they follow and she will provide it to Matthew. Doug Efferson asked if there was a way to track roll-over calls from the New Orleans call center. Rhonda stated that there was and that they will be monitoring it to make sure that call volumes remain within the caller’s service area whenever possible.

Executive Limitations: Doug Efferson gave a summary of his written report on Financial Conditions & Activities, Communication and Support to the Board, and Non-Appropriated Funds. Don Pledger facilitated a discussion regarding the sustainability of the Claiborne Addiction Recovery Center and a grant they received to bring Primary Care Telehealth into the schools of Claiborne parish. Doug Efferson reported on a banking issue that arose due to the 2013 Board Resolution on Executive Director Authority not specifically mentioning banking. After consulting with Pam Breedlove, the District attorney, Matthew Linn was informed of the issue and the recommendation from Pam that the Board update the Executive Director Authority Board Resolution to include current and standard language that would address the deficit. Don Pledger moved to accept the report, seconded by Bridgette Salsberry, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Board Business: Matthew Linn let a review of the Global Governance Commitment and Governance Style policies. Doug Efferson highlighted that board members could assist police juries and the governor in identifying and submitting new board member candidate names when a vacancy occurs but that, as Executive Director, it was a conflict of interest for him to do so. Don Pledger motioned to accept both policies without changes, seconded by Bridgette Salsberry, and unanimously approved. Matthew Linn motioned that the update to the 2013 Authority of the Executive Director Board Resolution recommended by Pam Breedlove, the District attorney, be tabled. There was no second, so the motion failed. Kristie Copeland motioned that the update to the 2013 Authority of the Executive Director Board Resolution be approved without changes. The motion was seconded by David Hoey. All were in favor of the motion except Matthew Linn, who voted no. Without unanimous approval, the motion failed and the existing 2013 Authority of the Executive Director Board Resolution remains in effect. David Hoey presented a partial slate of officers for Board consideration which included Matthew Linn for Board Chair, George Sewell for Board Vice-Chair, and Kristie Copeland as Secretary. All three were asked if they were willing to serve and all agreed to do so if elected. Matthew Linn then requested nominations from the floor and David Hoey put forth Don Pledger for Treasurer. Don Pledger was asked if he would be willing to serve if elected and he agreed to do so. David Hoey motioned that the four proposed candidates be elected to their prospective offices, seconded by Bridgette Salsberry, and unanimously approved. The June Board Compliance Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The July Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was completed and given to Doug Efferson for summary. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: None.

Adjournment: David Hoey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm, seconded by Bridgette Salsberry, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by Kristie Copeland, Board Secretary