Northwest Louisiana Human Service District (NLHSD) – Region 7 Monday, October 17, 2011 5:30 p.m. 1525 Fairfield Avenue; 5th Floor Conference Room – Shreveport, LA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the NLHSD was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 5:30 pm. In attendance: Fred Jones, Marcelle Slaughter, Jennifer Partain, Chris Nolen, and Njeri Camara.

TA Russell Semon indicated that we have a total of six parishes out of nine who have appointed members. Red River needs a new appointee as Charlotte Taylor Resigned. Other names have been articulated for consideration, but not confirmed.

The board needs to understand the Policy Governance Manual as part of the readiness assessment. The assessment is really a conversation about the policy to ensure that board members understand and know the policy manual. February is the goal for Phase I which is the readiness Assessment.

Regional Managers were present to share about their programs – Sharon Doyle of the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and Wendy Goad of the Office of Behavioral Health both provided detailed information about program services under their purview.

In discussion for leadership and for the board to begin to self-govern Moved by Njeri Camara, seconded by Fred Jones to elect Marcelle Slaughter as the Interim Chair. Unanimously approved.

Moved by Chris Nolen, seconded by Fred Jones to elect Njeri Camara as Interim Secretary. Unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, November 28 @ 5:30 p.m.

No other business to be conducted.

Marcelle Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Njeri Camara, Interim Secretary