**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

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

**Note: Those who had Covid-19 concerns preventing them from attending in person were allowed**

**to participate by Zoom Conference Call without loss of voting privileges.**

Called to Order: By George Sewell at 5:30pm

Roll Call: George Sewell, Kristi Copeland, Fletcher Carter, Mary Brocato and Matthew Linn were present. Njeri Camara and Gary Conlay were excused, Carolyn Carter was absent. Bienville, Red River, Governor Appointee #2 and Governor Appointee #3 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 5 out of 8 board members confirmed by Matthew Linn, Board Secretary. Doug Efferson, Executive Director, and Wendy Goad, Behavioral Health Director, were present.

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: Lieutenant Amy Bowman, Sergeant Rachel Alkire, and Sergeant Diana Sanchez with the Shreveport Police Department were recognized and welcomed by George Sewell.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Matthew Linn to accept the agenda, seconded by Mary Brocato, and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes for April 19, 2021 and May 17, 2021: Moved by Kristi Copeland to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mary Brocato, and approved by all present except Matthew Linn who abstained with regard to the April minutes since he was not present at the meeting.

Guest and Public Comments: Lieutenant Amy Bowmen reviewed the challenges currently being faced by the Shreveport Police in responding to mental health 911 calls and some solutions being used by other police departments nationwide including the Memphis model. After discussing how the District could assist in finding solutions, the Board unanimously voted for Doug Efferson to attend Shreveport Community Oriented Police meetings and support their efforts to improve their mental health 911 response. The board also recommended that Janet Miller with LACG be invited to attend since they currently operate the local Suicide Prevention Helpline.

Executive Limitations: Doug Efferson gave a summary of his written report on Financial Conditions & Activities, Communication and Support to the Board, Emergency Executive Director Succession and Non-Appropriated Funds. Of note is that staff work schedules and office operations would return to normal starting July 6th in response to the sustained improvement in the Covid-19 pandemic locally. Mathew Linn moved to accept the report, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Board Business: George Sewell led a review of the Board Members Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policy. Matthew Linn moved to accept the policy without any changes, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved. George Sewell led a review of the Global Governance Commitment policy. Mary Brocato moved to accept the policy without any changes, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved. George Sewell led a review of the Governance Style policy. Mary Brocato moved to accept the policy without any changes, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved. George Sewell tabled the Slate of Officers presentation until the next meeting. The April Board Compliance Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The June Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was to be completed and sent to Doug Efferson for summary. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, July 19th, 2021 at 5:30pm in-person or by Zoom for those with Covid-19 concerns.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: None.

Adjournment: Mary Brocato moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm, seconded by Kristi Copeland, and unanimously approved.

Minutes Prepared by Matthew Linn, Board Secretary