**Governance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**

**Monday, October 22, 2018**

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

Called to Order: By George Sewell at 5:32pm

Invocation: By Fletcher Carter

Pledge of Allegiance: By Reece Middleton

Welcome/Special Guest/Introductions: George Sewell welcomed Matthew Linn as a new board member appointed by the Governor and Wendy Goad for coming to make her presentation.

Roll Call: George Sewell, Fletcher Carter, Ora Rice, Matthew Linn and Reece Middleton were present. Wanda Brock listened in by phone. Njeri Camara and Marcelle Slaughter was excused. Jamie Lennard was absent. Natchitoches, Bienville, and Governor Appointee #2 have no board representative at this time. A quorum of 5 out of 9 present board members was confirmed by Ora Rice, Board Secretary. Doug Efferson, Executive Director, was present.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Fletcher Carter, seconded by Matthew Lynn, unanimously approved without any changes.

Approval of the Minutes for September 17, 2018: Moved by Reece Middleton, seconded by Fletcher Carter, unanimously approved without any changes.

Guest and Public Comments: Rhonda Watts, Director of Operations of Louisiana Association of Compulsive Gambling (LACG), introduced herself. The board requested LACG consider providing an update on their current services at an upcoming board meeting.

Wendy Goad – Behavioral Health Annual Report: Wendy Goad, Behavioral Health Director for the district, gave a slide show presentation summarizing the Behavioral Health Annual Report and answering board questions regarding current service activities. No follow up requested.

Executive Limitations: Doug Efferson, Executive Director for the district, gave a summary of his written report on the Financial Conditions & Activities, Communication and Support to the Board, and Treatment of Staff policies. Doug Efferson will follow up with Marcelle Slaughter regarding Judge Beasley and provide the board with information regarding needle exchange programs and the Louisiana Mental Health Summit. Fletcher Carter moved to accept the report, seconded by Reece Middleton, and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Governance Process: The board reviewed the Global linkage, Unity of Control, Accountability of the Executive Director, and Delegation to the Executive Director policies. Reece Middleton moved to accept the policies, seconded by Fletcher Carter and unanimously approved without any policy changes.

Board Business: The board retreat date was moved to Saturday, April 27th, 2019. The September Board Monitoring Summary Report was reviewed and accepted. The October Board Compliance Monitoring Tool was completed by all present board members. The next meeting date was agreed to be on Monday, November 19th, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Announcements/Acknowledgements: None.

Adjournment: By George Sewell at 6:50pm.

Minutes Prepared by Ora Rice, Board Secretary