

Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

December 12, 2019



Agenda

Call to Order

Recovery Speaker

Commissioner's Report

Action Items

Chair's Report

Public Comment

Next Meeting Date

Call to Order

Kim Ryan
Chair

Recovery Speaker

Abby Kice

Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

Action Items:

- Past Meeting Minutes
- Proposed 2020 Board Meeting Dates
- Board Election

Commissioner's Report

Judy Fitzgerald
Commissioner

IDD Connects

Ronald Wakefield

Director

Division of Developmental Disabilities



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IDD Connects: Important Facts

- 1 Launched August 19, 2019
- 2 Partnership with Beacon Health Options

Why Did We Need a New System?

- 1 Length of time it took from application to receipt of services
- 2 Applicant had no visibility into status of application
- 3 Overly complicated process
- 4 No visibility of work in progress
- Lack of accountability
- 5 Thousands of excel sheets to manage work
- 6 Inefficiencies

IDD Connects: What is it?

Application/
Pre-Eligibility

Evaluations

Individualized
Service
Plans (ISP)

Prior
Authorization/
Claims
(Services)

Outcomes/
Notes

ISP Annual
Reviews

ASO IDD Implementation: Overview and Benefits

Enable Easy Access to High-Quality Care

- Reduces barriers to service entry
- Improves communication and transparency

Create Single System of Record

- Sunsets disparate systems
- Provides a single view of the individual

Support Process Standardization

- Fosters accountability
- Promotes consistent delivery

Automate key workflows and tools

- Reduces reliance on paper
- Enables better tracking and resource management

IDD Connects: Enhancements

IDD Connects will enhance existing processes:

Individuals/families will be able to track the process in real time

Track an individual from application to GMCF* level of care determination

Quickly find individuals using various search criteria

System-generated work queues and notifications

View/monitor an individual's service utilization

Enhancing the reporting of service delivery

ISPs will be tied directly to assessed needs by electronically populating clinically recommended services and other clinical recommendations.

IDD Connects: Current Updates

- 1 System is operational
- 2 Go-live support and technical assistance

Forensic Services Overview

Karen Bailey, Ph.D.

Director

Office of Forensic Services



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Forensic Services

Forensic
Evaluation and
Expert
Testimony

Competency
Restoration

Inpatient
Evaluation and
Treatment

Community
Forensic
Services

Juvenile
Forensic
Services

Forensic Evaluations - Pretrial (Adult)

Evaluations:

- **Competency to Stand Trial:** Present ability
- **Criminal Responsibility:** Mental state at time of alleged offense

Customer: Court

98% **Outpatient** (mostly at the jail)

Front door to our system – state evaluators

Statewide demand increasing

Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST)

Fast Facts

- 35% of Forensic Beds
- Restoration Rate: 70 to 80%
- Avg. Length of Stay: 120 days
- Restore Outpatient (if non-violent felony)
- Jail (Fulton County)
- Modified Jail Restoration

60%: Civilly Committed Forensic Patients

Incompetent and not restorable (>1 year)

NGRI: Insanity Acquittees

Release determined by Court

Average Length of Stay: 7 years (impact on wait list)

Treatment focus: recovery oriented and risk reduction

- Goal: Community Re-integration
- Recovery-Based Programs
 - Trauma-Informed, Sexual Behavior, Technology
- Annual Comprehensive **Risk Assessment**

Forensic Community Services

Community Integration Homes

- 9 locations across the state
- 61 beds
- 2 additional homes in process

Forensic Apartments

- 4 locations
- 60 beds

Forensic Community Coordinators

- 25 (areas consistent with judicial boundaries)

Juvenile Forensics

- Evaluations
 - Behavioral Health
 - Competency to Stand Trial
 - Other – transfer; designated felonies
- Outpatient Restoration
- 14-bed Turner Center (440 kids /Under Superior Court Jurisdiction)

Challenges

- Wait lists and continued growth: (*Eliminate Misdemeanants*)
- Testifying at geographically distant locations: (*Telecourt*)
- Balancing security and recovery (*on community side: pair FCC with probation*)
- Staffing
- Aging and medically compromised population; undocumented individuals
- Delays in benefits; cost of personal care homes

What Makes Us Most Proud

Recovery-
Oriented
Programs

Certification
Program and
Forensic
Training

Psychiatric
Fellowships

Other States Modeling Us 😊

Relationship
with the Courts
and Sheriffs

Continuum of
Forensic
Services

Success of the
People We
Serve

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Chair's Report

Kim Ryan
Chair

Public Comment

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020
1:00 p.m.