

# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities **Meeting Minutes** June 15, 2017

1:00 p.m. 2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor Boardroom Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**Meeting Called By:** 

Kim Ryan, Chair

Facilitator:

Kim Ryan

Note Taker:

Rayna Gibson (DBHDD)

Members Present:

David Glass, Kenneth Holton

Members

Johnny Grant

Teleconferencing:

**Members Absent:** 

Kim Carroll-Hawkins, Ellice Martin, Jan Ligon, Jean Sumner

**DBHDD Leadership:** 

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner

Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner/General Counsel Lavin Gartland Briggs, Special Projects Director/Board Liaison

Angelyn Dionysatos, Press Secretary

Ron Wakefield, Director of Developmental Disabilities Monica Johnson, Director Division of Behavioral Health

## Agenda

Call to Order:

Kim Ryan; 1:02 p.m.

Chair Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting, and recognized the members participating via teleconference.

### **Recovery Presentation**

Chair Ryan recognized Sheila Corn, Executive Director of the Respect Institute of Georgia, who then introduced **Angela Steward**, a current employee of the Respect Institute of

> Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

Georgia, to the members of the Board. Ms. Steward shared an impactful story of her struggles with various abuse and the steps she has taken over the years to recover.

#### **Action Items**

Two action items were approved:

- 1. Approval of the April 20, 2017 Board Meeting minutes: **Chair Ryan** made a motion to approve, which was seconded by **David Glass**. The minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.
- 2. Resolution of Bond Sales

### Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced members of her team to give the following updates:

- Catherine Ivy, Director of Community Services for the Division of Developmental Disabilities, gave an overview of the NOW waiver, and spoke about the primary differences between the COMP and NOW waivers. She discussed changes as they relate to synchronizing service description and rates with the recently approved COMP waiver programs; increase of individual cost caps relative to CMS-required cost neutrality; and recreating the model for the day services to provide greater flexibility for individuals and families.
- Monica Johnson, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, and Dr. Charles Li, Hospital Administrator for Georgia Regional Hospital-Atlanta, gave an update on hospital-to-community partnership. They spoke about the goals, objectives, and outcomes to date.

Commissioner Fitzgerald concluded her report with brief updates and future plans.

# Chair's Report

Chair Ryan made a brief report on the upcoming election of DBHDD Board officers that is to take place at the August 17 Board meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment offered.

### Adjournment

There was no further business. Chair Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by **David Glass** and was seconded by **Kenneth Holton**. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Special Notes**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday**, **August 17**, **2017**. The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24<sup>th</sup> floor Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rayna Gibson, recording secretary

Signatures:

Chair

Secretary