



# Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 24-397

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**Meeting Called by:** Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD); 10:00 a.m.

**Facilitator:** Commissioner Frank Berry

**Note Taker:** Tracy Gamble (DBHDD)

**Members Present:** Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD)  
Commissioner Clyde Reese (DCH)  
Commissioner Homer Bryson (DOC)

**Members Absent:** None

**DBHDD Leadership:** Lavin Gartland Briggs, Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Frank Berry

## Action Item

Commissioner Berry called for a motion to approve the February 18, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Reese made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Bryson. The minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

## BHCC Initiatives

### Transition Support and Re-entry Workgroup

Berry called on Terri Timberlake, Director of DBHDD's Office of Adult Mental Health, to provide an update from the Transition Care Workgroup.

### **Interagency Directors Team (IDT)**

Berry asked Matt Yancey, Director of DBHDD's Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families, to provide an update from the Interagency Directors Team (IDT).

Yancey acknowledged Dr. Debbie Gay for her work with the team and announced that she will be stepping down as chair of the IDT. Dr. Christy Doyle (Department of Juvenile Justice) will be the new chair.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Berry gave a report on the following:

#### *Craig Nursing Home*

The Craig Nursing Center has closed.

#### *Site Visits*

Commissioner Berry and staff have begun statewide site visits. They are also attending town hall meetings and community forums. An invitation was extended to the council members to attend future events.

#### *Legislative Session*

Berry recognized Lavin Gartland Briggs, DBHDD's Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations, to provide a legislative update.

- **HB 288** adds two additional members to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, to be appointed by the Governor.
- **HB 512** provides changes in terminology related to the governing, regulation, and administration of the department's regional and local operations.
- **SB 131** provides for certification, rather than licensing, of crisis stabilization units to give the department greater flexibility in meeting the needs of individuals in crisis.

#### *BHCC Nomination Committee*

The BHCC Nomination Committee, which consists of Brenda Fitzgerald (chair), Stanley Jones, and Keith Horton, will request nominations for the positions of vice-chair and secretary.

#### *Celebrated events*

- Governor Deal issued a proclamation declaring May 3-9, 2015 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.
- First Lady Sandra Deal visited the Chris Kids and CETPA clubhouses with Commissioner Berry.

### Adjournment

There was no further business. Commissioner Berry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryson and seconded by Commissioner Reese. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

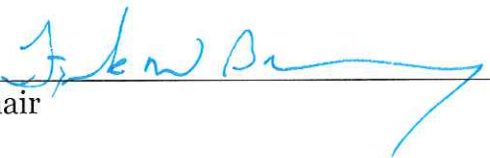
### Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Executive Committee will be held on **Wednesday, August 12, 2015**.

### Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Gamble, council and committee liaison

### Signatures:

  
Chair

  
Secretary