



# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

APRIL 15, 2013

1:00 PM

DBHDD BOARD ROOM  
24-260

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	Kimberly Ryan, Chair
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Kimberly Ryan, Chair
<b>MINUTE TAKER</b>	Stephanie McGruder
<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	David Glass, Johnny Grant, W. Gregory Haynes, Jan Ligon, Sandra Morris, Susan Radovich and Kimberly Ryan
<b>BOARD MEMBERS TELECONFERENCING</b>	Deirdre O'Brien

## AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Kimberly Ryan, Chair called the meeting of the Board to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.
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**RECOVERY MISSION** MARK BAKER  
DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mark Baker, Director of DBHDD Advocacy and Recovery shared his recent travel to Liberia with the Carter Center. At the Carter Center's request, Mr. Baker participated in a Recovery Initiative that is being launched with consumers in Liberia. The focus of the Carter Centers work in Liberia is to transform an institutional focused Mental Health system to a community based system of care – it is referred to as “beyond facilities”.
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## ACTION ITEMS

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM FEB. 18, 2013** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2013 meeting. Jan Ligon made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by W. Gregory Haynes.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The February 18, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no further discussion.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM MAR. 18, 2013** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes from March 18, 2013 special meeting. W. Gregory Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by David Glass.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The March 18, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no further discussion.

**DDAC UPDATE** DR. CHARLES LI  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Charles Li asked Deborah Conway, Chair of the DDAC to provide an update. Deborah Conway stated that DDAC's last meeting was held on March 13, 2013. The following items were discussed:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ System Structure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o System Design</li> <li>o System Performance</li> <li>o Customer Focus</li> </ul>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The next DDAC will take place on May 15, 2013. No formal action was taken.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

FRANK BERRY, COMMISSIONER

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>Introduction of Newly Hired DBHDD Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissioner Berry introduced Matt Carrothers, Director of Communications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Updates from the Department</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissioner Berry provided an update on the work of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (BHCC). The BHCC is comprised of State department heads, legislators and appointed community representatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The 1<sup>st</sup> report of the BHCC was submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly. A copy of the report was included in the Board's meeting folders.</li> <li>o Commissioner Berry reported that there is new synergy within the Council. Partnerships and collaborations across agencies are being created and there is interest in resource sharing.</li> <li>o Senator Grant was thanked for his work on and contribution to HB 228, which created the Coordinating Council.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Commissioner Frank Berry gave an update on the statewide expansion of the mobile crisis services.</li> <li>▪ Commissioner Frank Berry spoke about the Craig Center closing and meeting with two families. Parents have noted that they are extremely concerned with the quality of care.</li> <li>▪ Commissioner Frank Berry met with Governor Nathan Deal to discuss the DBHDD Settlement Agreement and progress toward the achievement of the settlement targets. Governor Nathan Deal is extremely mindful of the challenges we face as a department and states "there will be no greater reward, when we meet the Settlement Agreement".</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislative Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissioner Berry asked Lavin Gartland, Assistant Commissioner of Public Relations to update the Board on the 2013 Legislative Session. Ms. Gartland reminded the Board that because this was the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session for DBHDD under Commissioner Berry's leadership, the agency's main focus was to introduce Commissioner Berry to the legislature.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Gartland reported that HR 502, which creates a joint study committee on mental health passed both the House and the Senate.</li> <li>▪ Commissioner Berry will continue to travel throughout the State to meet with legislators, inviting their participation in site visits to local programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissioner Berry asked Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner of Operations to provide the Board with an update on the DBHDD Budget.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Minor provided an update on the final approved amended FY'13 and the FY'14 budgets as passed by the General Assembly. The differences between the Governor's requested budgets and the final budgets were highlighted.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>DD Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commissioner Berry asked Dr. Charles Li, Assistant Commissioner of Developmental Disabilities to update the Board on the March 15<sup>th</sup> statewide meeting held with the DD providers.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Li stated that the meeting was attended by approximately 600 providers. DBHDD leadership addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Settlement Agreement</li> <li>○ Quality Expectations and Provider Accountability</li> <li>○ Quality Assurance Monitoring</li> <li>○ Regional Follow Up</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>DOJ Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pam Schuble, Director of Settlement Services was asked by Commissioner Berry to update the Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ According Ms. Schuble, DBHDD has had regular meetings with the DOJ including joint meetings between DBHDD, DOJ and the Amici.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Elizabeth Jones, the DOJ appointed independent reviewer for the Settlement, provides quarterly reports on the State's progress and areas of concern.</li> </ul> <p><b>Division of Community Mental Health Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monica Parker, LPC, Division Director updated the Board on the division of CMH. Ms. Parker's report included an overview of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adult Mental Health</li> <li>○ C &amp; A Mental Health</li> <li>○ Housing</li> <li>○ Deaf Services</li> <li>○ Federal Grant Programs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p><b>Question:</b> Regarding the closing of Craig at Central State Hospital, Susan Radovich asked, if consumers with DD will be cared for by DD providers in the community or if they will be moving to nursing homes?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Judy Fitzgerald, Deputy Commissioner of Programs answered "every person at the Craig Center requires special care. For the BH clients, we are working with DCH and DHR to identify funding streams."</p>
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**CHAIR'S REPORT**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Last Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Ms. Ryan, Commissioner Berry and some members of the Department's senior leadership team met with Judges Jason Deal and Kathlene Gosselin in Gainesville. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jason Deal is the Superior Court Judge for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and presiding judge of the Hall County Drug Court.</li> <li>○ Kathlene Gosselin is also a judge of Superior Courts for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and presiding judge of the Health, Empowerment, Linkage and Possibilities (HELP) Program.</li> <li>○ Afterwards, we visited one of Region 1's DD crisis homes in Hall County operated by Benchmark. Crisis homes are designed to care for individuals with developmental disabilities who are experiencing a behavioral-related crisis. They spent time meeting with Benchmark staff, touring the home, and visiting with consumers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to our current Board schedule, the June meeting is slated to take place off site. However, an adjustment has been made to the calendar. The Board will meet at the DBHDD in Atlanta in June. The Department is in the process of exploring places and costs for an off-site Board meeting in October. More details about the October meeting is forthcoming.</li> </ul>
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<b>CONCLUSION</b>	No additional comments or questions were offered.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Morris moved that the April 15, 2013 Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Johnny Grant. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:08 p.m.
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<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, June 17, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
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**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY**

**STEPHANIE MCGRUDER**

**SIGNATURES**

	<b>CHAIR</b>
	<b>SECRETARY</b>