



**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MINUTES
August 20, 2012**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donald Cole, Chair
Deirdre O'Brien, Secretary
David Glass
T. Larry Fricks
W. Gregory Haynes

BOARD MEMBER VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE:

Steve Wilson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jan Ligon
Susan Radovich
Sandra Morris

DBHDD COMMISSIONER:

Frank Berry



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Donald Cole, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

A motion was made by Deirdre O'Brien to approve the Minutes of the Board Meetings held April 30, 2012 and the Special Call Board Meeting held June 29, 2012. The motion was seconded by T. Larry Fricks. Both sets of minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by W. Gregory Haynes to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Justin Neal. The motion was seconded by Deirdre O'Brien. The resolution was unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

A motion was made by Deirdre O'Brien to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Frank E. Shelp, M.D., M.P.H. The motion was seconded by T. Larry Fricks. The resolution was unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Donald Cole, Chair notified the Board that Justin Neal's term as vice chair has ended. As such, W. Gregory Haynes made a motion to nominate T. Larry Fricks as vice chair. The motion was seconded by Deirdre O'Brien. No other nominations were received. T. Larry Fricks was unanimously elected to serve as vice chair of the Board.

Commissioner Frank Berry introduced the Executive Team of the Department.

Robin Holt
Amy Howell
Lavin Gartland
J. Bryce McLaulin
Pam Schuble
Dr. Charles Li
Jeff Minor
Judy Fitzgerald
Mark Baker



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**LEADING A LIFE OF RECOVERY
Mark Baker, DBHDD Director of Advocacy**

- Mark Baker led a presentation on recovery. He discussed:
 - The meaning of recovery.
 - Georgia's influence on the Peer Support movement and its impact on: Certified Addiction and Recovery Empowerment Specialists (CARES); Family and Children Peer Specialists developed by the CHIPRA Grant, which is administered by DBHDD; and the Certified Peer Specialist Program administered by the Georgia Mental Health and Consumer Network.
 - The expansion of the peer support program and how the Certified Peer Support Specialist movement is now a national initiative that was started by Larry Fricks and Wendy Tiegreen.
 - The "Recovery Oriented System of Care" has been recognized by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington, D.C.
- Mark Baker showed, "The Power of Peers – A New Recovery Model" DVD, which featured Harvey Barksdale, a Certified Peer Specialist.
- Commissioner Frank Berry spoke in full support of Mark Baker's work as the Director of Advocacy for DBHDD. Commissioner Frank Berry announced that a presentation on recovery should be made at every Board meeting either from providers, clients, consumers and/or family members.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UPDATE

Dr. Charles Li, DBHDD Director of Hospital Operations/Acting Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD)

- Dr. Li discussed his approach to reforming the Developmental Disabilities delivery system. The approach includes:
 - Engaging stakeholders. A meeting was held in July and August with stakeholders. DBHDD intends to fully engage, empower, and collaborate with the stakeholders including Board members to develop policies and procedures and make decisions. Dr. Charles Li intends to speak with Susan Radovich for guidance.
 - Developing a DD work plan. The workplan will address all major problems with the DD system. One of the issues is the waiting list. How can DBHDD begin to move consumers from the waiting list into services? Over 2,000 people are currently on the short term planning list. The goal of DBHDD is to move about 1,000 consumers into



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services by the end of the fiscal year through combined partnerships with stakeholders.

- DD provider oversight. The audit review process will be streamlined in hopes of minimizing the visits made to the provider.
- Provider reimbursement. Provider reimbursement, budget and rate issues will be reviewed.
- Provider enrollment process. There is currently a waiting list of providers seeking to offer services to Georgia constituents.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
Frank Berry**

- Commissioner Frank Berry commented on the value of DBHDD's employees.
- The Board was thanked for their warm welcome and the valuable information they've shared with him.
- Dr. Li's strategy on provider oversight was reinforced.
- A 30-day budget extension was requested. The Governor's Office of Planning and Budgets granted the request. The Department has been asked to take a 3% cut from its budget. The dollars for ADA and CRIPA Settlement Agreements are exempt from the cuts.
- Commissioner Berry will be reviewing the ACT Teams to address challenges.
- The behavioral health issues of children and adolescents will also be assessed.

**CHAIR'S REPORT
Donald Cole**

- The Department closed its first chapter in the DBHDD book of history with the departure of Dr. Frank Shelp, the agency's first Commissioner. Dr. Shelp's tenure with the Department ended on August 10, 2012. A new chapter began on August 11th with the appointment of new Commissioner, Frank W. Berry.
- Chairman Cole further commented, the Board plays a vital role by serving the families of Georgia.



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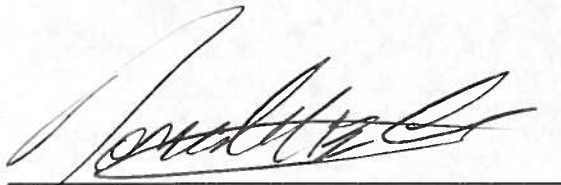
PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Larry Fricks to adjourn and seconded by Deirdre O'Brien. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

NEXT BHDD BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities is scheduled for October 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.



Donald E. Cole, Chair



Deirdre O'Brien, Secretary