



Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

JUNE 17, 2013

1:00 PM

DBHDD BOARD ROOM
24-260

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Kimberly Ryan, Chair
FACILITATOR	Kimberly Ryan, Chair
MINUTE TAKER	Stephanie McGruder
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	David Glass, Gregory W. Haynes, Jan H. Ligon, Sandra A. Morris, Susan Radovich, Kimberly Ryan, and Steve B. Wilson
BOARD MEMBERS TELECONFERENCING	Deirdre O'Brien

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Ms. 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

DISCUSSION	Mr. Mark Baker, Director of DBHDD Advocacy and Recovery introduced Ms. Lorie Summers, a recent graduate of the RESPECT Institute as the guest speaker. Ms. Summers began her presentation with a poem entitled "If" by the late Rudyard Kipling to in which she incorporated her life of recovery. Ms. Summers used her gifts as a puppeteer to bring awareness to bullying and suicide as a current advocate teaching others about Mental Health.
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ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2013 KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Ms. Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting. Ms. Susan Radovich made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. David Glass.
CONCLUSION	The April 15, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no further discussion.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT JUDY FITZGERALD, DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER

	<p>Introduction of Newly Hired DBHDD Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald introduced Mr. Doug Engle, Director of Office of Information Technology/Chief Technology Officer. ▪ Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald also introduced Ms. Lynn Copeland, Region 3 Coordinator.
DISCUSSION	<p>Southwestern State Hospital Closure and Build Up by Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald began discussing the critical areas of work for DBHDD as we undergo a System Transformation: Moving from an Institutional-based system of care with easy access.

- Three strategic time-sensitive priorities:
 - Region 4: Building the Community Infrastructure and Closure of SWSH (by 12/31/13)
 - Rationale:
 - Serving people closer to home in community settings
 - We cannot simultaneously build institutions and communities, this is the work moving forward
 - Although, the Settlement Agreement does not require us to close the hospitals, all individuals with developmental disabilities are required to move from the hospitals into the community by 2015 as part of the DOJ Settlement Agreement.
 - Once individuals with DD move to the community, cannot maintain facility to support the reduced census
- Pathways for 4 populations served at hospital
 - Rose Haven consists of largely 51 individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Forensic population of consumers that have court involvement will be relocated to another secure facility for their care and continued treatment
 - Behavioral health population
 - Chronic behavioral health consumers who require long-term treatment
 - Acute behavioral health consumers, the largest of the two groups, stay less than 21 days. These consumers would be best served by receiving treatment in the community
- Community Investment: \$17.5 million in settlement dollars from the DOJ
 - Three Behavioral Health Crisis Centers to open before SWSH closure to service consumers in Valdosta, Thomasville, and Albany
 - Intensive Care Mgt. Teams, ACT Teams, mobile crisis, CST
 - 78 Crisis Beds, 18 Temporary Observation beds
- DBHDD is offering multiple approaches to aide hospital employees with employment support

DOJ Update

- Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald congratulated DBHDD staff Chris Gault, Dr. Terri Timberlake, Ms. Monica Parker, Mr. Doug Scott, and everyone that has assisted Ms. Pam Schuble, Director of Settlement Coordination
- May 23, 2013 DBHDD received a visit from the Department of Justice.
 - DBHDD received very positive reports regarding BH Settlement services: ACT, Supported Employment and Housing
 - Concerns were expressed about the quality of community placements for those living with developmental disabilities
- DBHDD Implemented a 45 Day Suspension of Transitions which included:
 - Special Quality review teams in each region
 - Training and technical assistance from Elizabeth Jones, independent reviewer
 - Review of 79 individuals plus 40 with transitions plans, as well as at-risk population
 - Plans to address monitoring, corrective actions and quality assure

Closure of Craig Nursing Home

- The Craig Nursing Home at Center State Hospital will close December 31, 2013.
- Regional Hospital Administrator, Dan Howell is overseeing the closure process

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A comprehensive closure plan has been developed to address the needs of clients, employees and facilities ▪ Individuals to be transitioned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developmental Disabilities (47) ○ Behavioral Health (61) ○ DBHDD is collaborating with other agencies (DCH, DHS)
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Question: Ms. Susan Radovich asks if there are corrective trainings taking place where problems have been indentified?</p> <p>Answer: Ms. Judy Fitzgerald, Deputy Commissioner of Programs answered "This is actually what the DOJ would like for the department to report to them. Part of DBHDD's solution is to identify trends that then form the basis of ongoing training, technical assistance, coaching and employee development that make assurances moving forward."</p>

CHAIR'S REPORT

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	<p>DBHDD Division Highlight</p> <p>Board Chair Ms. Kimberly Ryan introduced Ms. Annie Webb, Director of the Office of Community Services and Dr. Charles Li, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Developmental Disabilities.</p> <p>DD Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Annie Webb presented the Georgia's Medicaid New Options Waiver (NOW), Comprehensive (COMP) Waiver and State Funded services. She briefly touched on the following provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is a Medicaid Waiver? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 1915 of the Social Security Act enables states to request waivers of federal law in order to provide certain services to individuals in their home or in the community ○ This waiver of federal regulations allows states to provide care for individuals in their homes or communities when otherwise they would need an institutional level of care ▪ Developmental Disabilities Waivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Options Waiver (NOW): a supports waiver designed for individuals who live in their own or family home and is capped at \$25,000.00 ○ Comprehensive Supports Waiver (COMP): a comprehensive waiver designed for individuals who need residential placement or intensive in-home supports to remain in the community ▪ Intake & Evaluation for the Waivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed applications (this includes Psychological Reports) packet to Regional Office. Intake Clinician will contact you within 14 business days of receipt of the completed application ▪ Planning List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short Term ○ Long Term ▪ State Supported Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are in place for families while they are on the planning list wanting on the determination ○ Provides a temporary access to services that are similar to the supports provided under waiver ▪ The Regional Offices provide the following services and functions for the Division of DD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical and Behavioral Services ○ Case Management ○ Community Transition
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Quality Improvement Health & Safety Monitoring o Provider Contract Compliance o Manage NOW & COMP Waivers and State Funded Service Funding <p>Ms. Webb's was asked to provide her presentation to be posted on the DBHDD webpage for review.</p> <p>DD Update Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Charles Li, Assistant Commission of the Division of Developmental Disabilities presented an update on the goals of DBHDD for the DD Consumers. ▪ Total Individuals New to Services (July 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013) by Medicaid waiver and state funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Waiver 890 individuals o State funded services 485 Individuals o Total individual served 1,375 meeting DHBDD's goal ▪ Individuals New to Services by Region (July 1, 2012 – May ▪ Origin of New Waiver Entries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hospital Transition o Immediate Service o Planning List o State Funded Conversion o Waiver Re-Entry ▪ Annualized Funding by Origin of Waiver ▪ New to State Funds by Service Categories ▪ Annualized State Funding Amount by Service
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CONCLUSION	Question:	Ms. Sandra Morris asked who pays for the psychological evaluation and where can a consumer get the evaluation?
	Answer:	Ms. Webb answers that if the consumer is under the age of 21 then the State plan would pay for the psychological evaluation.
	Question:	Ms. Susan Radovich asks why the support coordinator not aware of the quality management problems that were discovered by the Independent Reviewer.
	Answer:	Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald answered that the purpose of the 45 day suspension is to indentify the problems and clearly define every ones role as DBHDD works to implement corrective actions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Ms. Kimberly Ryan opened the floor for public comments and instructed all participants to a 3 minute time limit to accommodate all who desired to speak.
COMMENTS	Ms. Beth English, Executive Director of Easter Seals of Albany, Georgia, shared an amazing achievement of a young man named Christopher Stone. Christopher is 16 years old and has had spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy from birth, which has limited his ability to write and speak. He is a consumer at Easter Seals. With the help of Dragon Speak software, Christopher has written his first book entitled, "The Legend of Lee Rock". The book was released on April 21, 2013. Ms. English gifted the BHDD Board with autographed copies of Christopher's book.

ADJOURNMENT

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Ms. Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sandra Morris moved that the June 17, 2013 Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Steve Wilson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:08 p.m.
SPECIAL NOTES	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, August 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

STEPHANIE MCGRUDER

SIGNATURES

	CHAIR
	SECRETARY