



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2013 1:00 PM

DBHDD COMMISSIONER'S
CONFERENCE ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	Commissioner Frank W. Berry at approximately 1:05 PM
FACILITATOR	Commissioner Frank W. Berry
NOTE TAKER	Consuelo L. Campbell
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD), Ombudsman Corinna Magelund (ODSO), Chairman Albert Murray (Pardons and Parole), Commissioner Brian Owens (DOC), and Commissioner Clyde Reese (DHS)

DBHDD UPDATE		COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DOJ Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Berry provided an update on the closing of the Craig Nursing Home at Central State Hospital and the status of consumers with developmental disabilities who are transitioning from the hospital into the community. ○ On 3/15, the Department held a mandatory statewide meeting with providers of developmental disability services. Commission Berry thanked Commissioner Owens for facilitating DBHDD's use of the chapel at the State Offices South for the meeting. ○ Commissioner Berry shared his excitement about how agencies are working together to address the needs of Georgians. ▪ Legislative Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assistant Commissioner Lavin Gartland shared that HR502, which creates a joint study committee on mental health is working its way through the General Assembly. 	
CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry asked members to review the minutes of the December 3, 2012 executive committee meeting for approval. ▪ A motion was made by Commissioner Brian Owens and seconded by Chairman Albert Murray. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes of the December 3, 2012 executive committee meeting were unanimously approved. 	

MEETING CALENDARS		COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry mentioned that Consuelo Campbell has sent dates for the May, August and November meetings to each executive committee members' administrative assistant. ▪ BHCC meetings have now been scheduled through December 2013. Meeting appointments for the September 25th and December 18th BHCC meetings have been sent to the full Council. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No action was taken. 	

BHCC ANNUAL REPORT		COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry mentioned that since the executive committee has reviewed, commented and approved the draft BHCC annual report, it was sent to the full body of the Council for its review. Comments were due on March 5th. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee agreed to have a vote at the March 27th Council meeting to approve the report. After approval, the report will be transmitted to the Governor and the General Assembly for distribution. 	



PROPOSED BHCC PROJECTS		COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Handouts of the proposed transition care project were distributed and reviewed. The proposed project would bring together Council representatives to address the needs of individuals with behavioral health challenges who are transitioning from incarceration to community. ▪ Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need for a stronger behavioral health workforce is a growing challenge. Workforce is an issue that the Council has prioritized. Commissioner Berry has been in discussions with Ben Robinson at GSU to garner his ideas about addressing this concern. ▪ Public Health Collaborative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Berry is planning to meet with Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (DPH) to explore the possibility of the two departments partnering in several ways. DBHDD is particularly interested in improving access to dental care services for individuals with developmental disabilities. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposal of the transition care project was accepted and will be presented to the Council for approval on March 27th. 	

PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA		COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry shared that BHCC member Diane Reeder has requested 15 minutes to give an update on the Opening Doors to Recovery (ODR) initiative. The committee decided that an ODR update would be more appropriate for the June meeting. ▪ Commissioner Berry called for a motion to adopt the following agenda items for the March 27, 2013 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recovery Testimony ○ Commissioner's Update ○ Vote to approve the Annual Report ○ Approval to initiate a Transition Care Project ○ IDT Workgroup Update ○ Approval to invite GVRA to join the BHCC as an auxiliary member 	

AUXILIARY PARTNERSHIPS		COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry asked that the committee consider expanding the table to include auxiliary partners. Two partners, the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GRVA) and the Georgia Sheriffs Association, were suggested due to their ongoing involvement with individuals who have behavioral health challenges or developmental disabilities. 	
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee members unanimously approved the proposed agenda items for the March 27th meeting. 	

OTHER BUSINESS	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	No other business was brought forward.
ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Clyde Reese called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chairman Albert Murray seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.
SPECIAL NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council is March 27, 2013 and the next meeting of the BHCC Executive Committee is May 21, 2013.

SIGNATURES

	CHAIR
	SECRETARY