



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

DEC. 13, 2012

10:00 AM

DBHDD BOARD ROOM 24-260

MEETING CALLED BY	Commissioner Frank Berry at 10:00 AM
FACILITATOR	Commissioner Frank Berry
MINUTE TAKER	Stephanie McGruder
COUNCIL ATTENDEES PRESENT	Frank Berry, Katie Dempsey, Brenda Fitzgerald, Corinna Magelund, Albert Murray, Diane Reeder, Clyde Reese, and Renee Unterman
COUNCIL ATTENDEES TELECONFERENCING	Julie Spores
ABSENT	David Cook was absent due to the Medicaid meeting.

AGENDA TOPICS

PRESENTATION MARK BAKER, DBHDD DIRECTOR
OF RECOVERY
TRANSFORMATION

DISCUSSION	Mark Baker introduced representatives from the RESPECT Institute and the guest speaker for the day, Juanilda Diolosa of Columbus, Georgia. Juanilda Diolosa spoke about recovery and her fight that led to her overcoming both a behavioral health diagnosis and an addiction to substances. She attributes her success to the help she received through recovery services. She is now focused on educating others.
CONCLUSIONS	No additional information was provided.

ACTION ITEMS COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

DISCUSSION	Commissioner Clyde Reese made a motion to approve the minutes of the Coordinating Council meeting held on September 26, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank Berry.
CONCLUSIONS	The September 26, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved with no further discussion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

DISCUSSION	Senator Renee Unterman chaired the BHCC nominating committee and a conference call was held on November 19 th , 2012. Senator Unterman made a motion to elect Commissioner Clyde Reese as Vice Chair and Corinna Magelund as Secretary of the Coordinating Council for the second quarter. The motion was seconded by Albert Murray.
CONCLUSIONS	Commissioner Clyde Reese and Corinna Magelund were unanimously elected to serve as vice chair and secretary.

BHCC INITIATIVES COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

DISCUSSION	<p>Commissioner Berry stated that during our last BHCC meeting, the Council decided to focus its attention on three major areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sharing of health information; ▪ Partnerships (child and adolescent services, housing, etc.); and ▪ Workforce development (certified peer specialists, employment, etc.).
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Interagency Director's Team Update (IDT)

- Commissioner Berry introduced Monica Parker, Director of Community Mental Health (DBHDD) and Ursula Davis, Director of Systems of Care (Dept. of Human Services) who provided an update on the work of the Interagency Director's Team (IDT).
 - The IDT, a multi-agency leadership collaborative, was created as a result of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities State Infrastructure Grant to design, manage, facilitate, and implement an integrated approach to a child and adolescent system of care that shares funding and resources and informs policy and practice. Partners include:

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Marcus Autism Center
DBHDD
Department of Community Health
Department of Education
Division of Family and Children Services
Department of Juvenile Justice
Department of Public Health
Georgia Parent Support Network
Georgia State University
The Carter Center
- The IDT plans to implement the following strategies to build a system of care in Georgia.
 - Develop and expand services and supports, while focusing on individualized approaches to care management
 - Create and improve financing strategies
 - Provide training, technical assistance, and workforce development
 - Generate support and advocacy
 - Implement policy, administrative, and regulatory changes
 - Use evaluation to continuously improve the system

CONCLUSIONS

Commissioner Berry recapped his views of the presentation and further stated that this project may serve as a model for an adult BH mapping initiative.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

DISCUSSION

- **DOJ Settlement Update**
 - Commissioner Berry reminded everyone of DBHDD's responsibility to care for people who are in state hospitals and living in the community.
 - The Settlement Agreement is providing millions of dollars to serve people in the community who have been in our hospitals.
 - DBHDD's current focus is to provide services to those with severe and persistent mental illnesses, those living with developmental disabilities who are in our state hospitals and those who have a forensic diagnosis.
 - Currently, the state is faced with a housing challenge to accommodate the number of patients affected by the ADA Settlement needing to transition into the community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Berry stated that a challenge for this population of consumers is access to physical health care. Commissioner emphasized the opportunity to capitalize on the expertise and resources of the Departments. ○ Commissioner Berry mentioned that he and Representative Katie Dempsey visited a provider in the Region 1 area and were pleased with their visit. ○ The Department plans to close the Craig Nursing Home at Central State Hospital. Wesley Woods has assisted with individualized assessments of all individuals residing at Craig. ○ Another challenge is meeting the dental needs of current consumers. There are limited resources yet, we have to determine how to address this concern. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DBHDD Community-based Services Awareness Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Baker, Director of Advocacy and Consuelo Campbell, Director of External Affairs along with DBHDD's Learning and Organizational Development staff have traveled to Regions 1, 4, 5, and 6 to bring awareness to our stakeholders about our adult service delivery system. To date we have informed approximately 200 people. ○ In January 2013 they will travel to Region 2 and Region 3 to conduct awareness sessions ○ Commissioner Berry thanked the BHCC members for their active participation with special acknowledgement to Pardons and Parole, and DOC/Probation.
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CONCLUSIONS	<p>Senator Renee Unterman inquired about the name and location of the DBHDD hospitals.</p> <p>Commissioner Berry answered stating that there are 6 hospitals:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Central State Hospital – Milledgeville, GA East Central State Hospital – Augusta & Gracewood, GA Georgia Regional Hospital – Atlanta, GA Georgia Regional Hospital – Savannah, GA Southwestern State Hospital – Thomasville, GA West Central State Hospital – Columbus, GA </p> <p>Chairman Albert Murray asked whether DBHDD will be able to meet the 2013 goal of the number of people needing to transition from the hospitals to the community. In response, Commissioner Berry stated that the Department is striving to reach the DOJ Settlement Agreement goal of 150; however, at this point, will not sacrifice quality to achieve the target number and DOJ has supported this approach.</p> <p>Commissioner Berry closed his report stating the Council is a positive vehicle for coming together and sharing each agency's needs to provide services to the public.</p>
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Commissioner Berry opened the floor for public comment.
CONCLUSIONS	No public comments were offered.

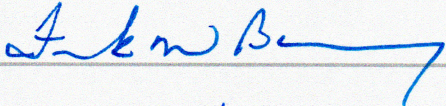
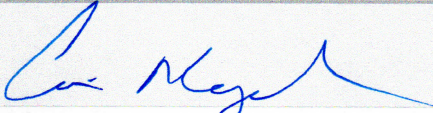
ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.
SPECIAL NOTES	The next meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council will be on Thursday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

STEPHANIE MCGRUDER

SIGNATURES

	VICE CHAIR
	SECRETARY