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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 2013 1:00 PM

DBHDD COMMISSIONER'S
CONFERENCE ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	Commissioner Frank W. Berry at approximately 1:04 PM
FACILITATOR	Commissioner Frank W. Berry
NOTE TAKER	Consuelo L. Campbell
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD), Ombudsman Corinna Magelund (ODSO), Commissioner Brian Owens (DOC), and Commissioner Clyde Reese (DHS)

PAP Board member, Robert Keller, attended on behalf of Chairman Albert Murray.

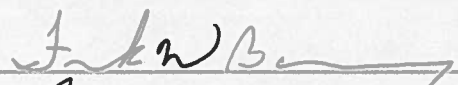
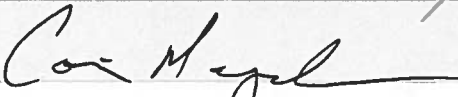
ACTION ITEMS	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry called for a vote to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2013 executive committee meeting. ▪ A motion was made by Commissioner Brian Owens and seconded by Commissioner Clyde Reese.
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes of the June 3, 2013 executive committee meeting were unanimously approved.

DBHDD UPDATE **COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY**

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Southwestern State Hospital in Thomasville and the Craig Nursing Facility at Central State Hospital are scheduled to close on December 31, 2013. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry recently met with stakeholders and also with Governor Deal to discuss the new community-based alternatives being added in Thomasville, Albany and Valdosta to support individuals after Southwestern State Hospital closes. The CSBs in Region 4 are offering a full array of services which will increase community access. ▪ Due to the quality of some providers, needed oversight, and provider capacity, individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) have been the most challenging population to place. DBHDD's self-directed 45-day hold on new transitions has been lifted and community integration has been resumed. DBHDD is requiring competency based training and on-site monitoring before an individual is approved for transition. Commissioner Berry stated that DBHDD is creating partnerships with its providers and taking significant steps to hold providers more accountable. ▪ Commissioner Reese asked what will happen if all consumers cannot be placed? Commissioner Berry replied that the facility would be kept open. Risks cannot be taken by prematurely moving individuals for the purpose of meeting a number. ▪ Commissioner Owens commented on his recent tour of Central State Hospital and recommended that others should tour the hospital also. He shared that his visit was impressive.
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	Support and Reentry. Rather, it should help support its efforts and bring solutions to the table.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The future of Georgia's workforce was an issue that the Council prioritized at its last meeting. The need for a stronger behavioral health workforce is a growing challenge. ▪ If the behavioral health workforce issues are not addressed soon, the state runs the risk of not being able to support the services that it offers. CSBs will be greatly impacted by a behavioral health staff shortage. ▪ Commissioner Reese suggested that a human resources team is needed to address the concern and that implementation is needed rather than discussion. ▪ Ben Robinson of the Board of Regents' Office of Academic Affairs drafted and submitted two proposed solutions to Commissioner Berry that the Executive Committee reviewed. However, the consensus of the Executive Committee was that the Council is not in a position to move in either proposed direction. ▪ The Council should hear from other subject matter experts before making a decision. ▪ It was suggested that a clear direction be articulated to legislators in the BHCC annual report.
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No formal actions were taken on the suggestions. No other business was brought forward.
PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After discussion, the committee set the agenda for the September 25, 2013. ▪ Commissioner Berry called for a motion to adopt the following agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of March 27 and June 26, 2013 minutes ○ Recovery Testimony ○ Updates on BHCC Initiatives ○ Commissioner's Report ○ Other Business
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposed agenda for the September 25th BHCC meeting.
OTHER BUSINESS	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Membership/Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Because the regular attendance of some Council members has been low, Commissioner Reese suggested that the Council take a historical look at its attendance and then make recommendations for a new composition.
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No formation action was taken on the suggestions and no other business was brought forward.
ADJOURNMENT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reese made the motion and Disability Services Ombudsman, Corinna Magelund seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.
SPECIAL NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council is September 25th and the final meeting of 2013 will be held on December 18th. ▪ The BHCC Executive Committee next meets on November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

SIGNATURES

	CHAIR
	SECRETARY