



DBHDD

Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

May, 17, 2017
10:00- 11:30 a.m.
Board Room 24.260

Meeting Called by: Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD); 10:05 a.m.

Facilitator: Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald

Members Present: Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)
Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH)
Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (ODSO)
Senator Renee Unterman (District 45)
Diane Reeder (Parent Representative)
Stanley Jones, Esq. (Family Representative)

Tele-Conferencing: Commissioner Camila Knowles (DCA)
Commissioner Robin Crittenden (DHS)
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald, M.D. (DPH)
Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)
Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)

Members Absent: Commissioner Avery Niles (DJJ)
Gregory Dozier (DOC)
Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL)
Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)
Julie Spores Adult (Consumer Representative)

DBHDD Leadership: Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
Lavin Gartland Briggs, Director of Special Projects
David Sofferin, Director, Office of Public Affairs

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Agenda

Call to Order: Commissioner Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Action Items

The following action items were approved:

December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald requested a motion to approve the December 14, 2016 BHCC meeting minutes. Commissioner M. Nail made the motion to approve, and Disability Ombudsman L. Luca seconded. The December 14, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

February 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald requested a motion to approve the February 15, 2016 BHCC meeting minutes. Commissioner F. Berry made the motion to approve, and Commissioner M. Nail seconded. The February 15, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

BHCC 2016 BHCC Annual Report

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald requested a motion to approve the 2016 BHCC Annual Report. Commissioner Berry made the motion to approve, and Disability Ombudsman L. Luca seconded. The 2016 BHCC Annual Report was unanimously approved.

Recovery Presentation

Lindsey Seizmore, outreach coordinator with the RESPECT Institute, introduced guest speaker Rita Sanders. Sanders shared her touching story entitled, "*Finding Who I Am by Finding Self-worth*". She grew up with meager means in an unstable home and battled depression, addiction, and homelessness. Sanders received outpatient treatment at Laurelwood Crisis Center and worked in the Avita ACT. Sanders has been in recovery for more than 11 years.

BHCC Updates

Legislative Update

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald called on Representative Katie Dempsey to share a legislative update. Dempsey stated that she was most proud of the great work on behalf of the Governor, and the General Assembly working together to approve Georgia's budget. This year's budget will include:

- \$12 million in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities' for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Support Waiver Program (COMP)
- \$11.7 million for provider rate increases for the Comprehensive Supports Waiver (COMP) program.
- \$6 million for one new Behavioral Health Crisis Center

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- Increased funding for special assistant attorneys general for behavioral health commitment cases, to equalize the rates to \$57.50 per hour.
- Increased dollars to improve the outcomes for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder funneled through the Department of Public Health.

Representative Dempsey thanked the council for their support.

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald thanked Representative Dempsey and Senator Unterman on behalf of DBHDD, the providers and the people we serve for their leadership and commitment.

BHCC Initiatives

Interagency Directors Team (IDT)

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald introduced Linda McCall, DCH's program director and chair of the Interagency Directors Team to provide an overview of the 2017 Georgia System of Care State Plan that the council will review for approval once completed.

The IDT is the state's multi-agency System of Care (SOC) leadership collaborative. Its mission is to manage, design, facilitate, and implement the SOC in Georgia. The 2017 Georgia SOC State Plan was developed by the IDT under the direction of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (BHCC), with supports from the Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health and the National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Children's Behavioral Health.

The SOC focus areas are as follows:

Focus Areas 1: Access. Provide access to a family-driven, youth guided, culturally competent, and trauma-informed comprehensive System of Care to meet the needs of children, youth, and young adults with severe emotional disturbance (SED), substance abuse use disorders, and co-occurring disorders.

Focus Area 2: Coordination. Facilitate effective communication, coordination, education, and training within the larger System of Care among local, regional, and state child-serving systems.

Focus Area 3: Workforce Development. Develop, maintain, and support a culturally competent, trauma-informed workforce to meet the needs of children, youth, and young adults, and their families.

Focus Area 4: Funding and Financing. Use financing strategies to support and sustain a comprehensive, community-based, family-driven, youth-guided, culturally competent, and trauma-informed System of Care anchored in a cross-agency commitment to effective and efficient spending.

Focus Area 5: Evaluation Goal Statement. Use a framework of measuring and monitoring data on key SOC outcomes to demonstrate and communicate the value of a SOC approach for improving children's behavioral health, and support ongoing quality and improvement. The next steps in the System of Care state plan are:

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- BHCC's approval of Georgia's System of Care state plan
- Workplan to prioritize and implement action items
- Solicitation of stakeholder input and feedback

PowerPoint presentation available <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/2017-bhcc-meeting-calendar>

Transition Support and Re-entry Workgroup

DBHDD's director of adult mental health, Terri Timberlake, Ph.D., introduced Michelle Stanley, deputy director of the Department of Community Supervision and co-chair of the Transition Support and Re-entry Workgroup. Timberlake highlighted the workgroup's accomplishments, specifically the Forensic Peer Mentor Program, in which mentors will follow individuals pre- and post-release to serve as a bridge to re-entry and provide continued support. In November 2016, the 3rd cohort forensic peer mentor training took place, and the 4th cohort training is anticipated to take place in the fall of 2017.

The second inter-agency anti-stigma campaign, Respect and Recovery 5K Run Walk will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017, at Grant Park (840 Cherokee Avenue, SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30312).

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald called on Cassandra Price, director of DBHDD's Office of Addictive Diseases, to give an overview of the State Target Opioid Crisis Grant.

Price gave a detailed overview about the two-year grant that is aimed to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment; reducing unmet treatment needs; and reducing opioid overdose deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities.

Funding amount and requirements of the grant are as follows:

- \$11,782,710 per year for two years
- At least 80% of grant award must be spent on opioid use disorder treatment and recovery support services.
- Up to 5% of award can be used for administrative/infrastructure costs.
- The treatment funds will serve a total of 5,658 people
- It is estimated that 750 first responders and other stakeholders will be trained in naloxone administration during year 1 and 1,500 during year 2.

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Stabilizing the Safety Net

Commissioner J. Fitzgerald asked Jeff Minor, DBHDD's deputy commissioner and chief operating officer, to update the council on DBHDD's efforts to *stabilize the safety net*. Minor gave a comprehensive overview of managing a public safety net of behavioral health providers that consists of primarily 26 community service boards (CSB). The CSBs are independently governed with oversight by DBHDD. They are primarily funded through state contracts with DBHDD, and Medicaid. Minor spoke about building accountability, which began with the department's Core Redesign in 2012. He explained the process of preparing for change along with assessing and mitigating the risks associated with stabilizing the safety net.

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Commissioner Berry called on Matt Yancey, Director of DBHDD's Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families, to give an update on the IDT.

Transition Support and Re-entry Workgroup

Commissioner Berry asked Terri Timberlake, Director of DBHDD's Office of Adult Mental Health, to share an update on the workgroup.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Berry highlighted the following:

- Upcoming visit to Valdosta to meet with sheriffs and local delegations about the efficacy of community-based services since the closing of Southwestern State Hospital
- DBHDD initiatives
- Recognition of Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor and Chief of Staff Judy Fitzgerald for their work to implement DBHDD's reorganization

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Commissioner Berry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Chairman Barnard and seconded by Commissioner Berry. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Special Notes

The next scheduled Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting will be held on **September 23, 2015**.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Gamble, Council and Committee Liaison

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary