



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2015
10:00 a.m.
24th floor Board Room

A quorum was not met.

Meeting Called by: Commissioner Frank Berry, Chair (DBHDD); 10:00 am

Facilitator: Frank Berry

Note Taker: Tracy Gamble (DBHDD)

Members Present: Commissioner Clyde Reese (*DCH*)
Senator Renee Unterman (*District 45*)

Members Teleconferencing: Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*)
Julie Spores, Adult Consumer Representative
Diane Reeder, Parent Representative
Stanley Jones, Family Representative

Members Absent: Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*)
Commissioner Homer Bryson (*DOC*)
Commissioner Gretchen Corbin (*DCA*)
Commissioner Robin Crittenden (*DHS*)
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (*DPH*)
Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*)
Commissioner Avery Niles (*DJJ*)
Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*)
Commissioner Mark Butler (*DOL*)

AGENDA

Call to Order: Commissioner Berry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Action Item

A quorum was not met. Therefore, the previous meeting minutes of June 24, 2015 were tabled for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Recovery Presentation

Neil Campbell, Executive Director of Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, introduced recovery speaker Sharon Williams. Ms. Williams shared her story and lived experience, as well as the accomplishments she has made because of the programs offered to her. She is a Certified Peer Specialist and is part of the first cohort of the Forensic Peer Specialist program.

BHCC Initiatives Updates

Interagency Directors Team

Berry called on Dr. Christine Doyle to give an update on the Interagency Directors Team.

Doyle, who chairs the group, is the Director of Behavioral Health Services at DJJ. She gave an overview of the team's current work and reported on:

- Annual System of Care Academy
- 2015 accomplishments
- Top 3 priorities for FY 2016
- Tele-mental health services

Transition Support and Re-entry Workgroup

Berry called on Dr. Terri Timberlake to provide an update about the work of the Transition Support and Re-Entry. Timberlake is Director of Adult Mental Health as DBHDD. She reported that:

- The second cohort of Forensic Peer Mentor Training will begin in December 2015.
- The Forensic Peer Mentor Program will be added to two additional facilities.
- Eighty individuals have been linked to behavioral health services, housing, employment, and transportation through the program.

Timberlake also gave a presentation on behavioral health services under the ADA Settlement. The Power point presentation can be found on the following link:

<http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/2015-bhcc-meeting-calendar>

Commissioner's Report

Berry asked Stuart Wilkinson, DBHDD's Legislative Liaison, to provide an update on the legislative study committees. Wilkinson reported, the department is serving as a resource to nine study committees focusing on issues related to behavioral health or developmental disabilities.

Chair's Report

Berry informed the council about other initiatives and interviews concerning the department, including:

- Opioid abuse and use strategic session with DPH
- *The Invisible Epidemic: Poor and mentally ill in Georgia* by Misty Williams (Atlanta Journal-Constitution)
- Interview with WABE 90.1 FM (NPR) focusing on individuals with intellectual disabilities
- End of Settlement Agreement on June 30, 2015
 - The work of the department continues. We are focused on providing easy access to high-quality care to help individuals live a life of recovery and independence in their communities.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Special Notes

The next scheduled Behavioral Health Coordinating Council will be held on **December 16, 2015**.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Gamble, Council and Executive Committee Liaison

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary

Attachments: