



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018
1:00 p.m.
2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor Boardroom
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Meeting Called By: Kim Ryan, Chair

Facilitator: Kim Ryan

Note Taker: Rayna Gibson (DBHDD)

Members Present: Jimmy Thomas, Kimberly Ryan, Ellice Martin, David Glass

Members Teleconferencing: Kenneth Holton

Members Absent: Kim-Carrol Hawkins, Jan Ligon, and Jean Sumner

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner/General Counsel
Robert Dorr, Division Director

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair Ryan; 1:05 p.m.

Chair Kim Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recovery Presentation

Lindsey Sizemore, of the RESPECT Institute of Georgia, introduced Lauren Pearse to the members of the Board. Ms. Pearse shared her story of recovery from depression, anxiety, and complex PTSD. She spoke on her battles and how she was forced to face her problems head on to overcome her struggles. Ms. Pearse recently graduated from the Skyland Trail training and continues to seek therapy daily to cope.

Action Items

One action item was approved:

1. Approval of the February 15, 2018 Board Meeting minutes: Chair Ryan asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Ellice Martin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. David Glass.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald called upon Robert Dorr, director of the Division of Accountability and Compliance, to present on monitoring the safety net:

There are currently 25 community service boards (CSBs) serving all 159 counties in Georgia. CSBs are DBHDD's public safety net and are responsible for providing basic core services to uninsured and under-insured individuals with behavioral health needs and intellectual and developmental disabilities. CSBs are governed by the local boards with oversight by DBHDD.

The goal of monitoring the safety net is to ensure that it remains solid and strong, while being able to identify any problems which may lead to individuals not having access to care to high-quality care. In order to predict strengths and weaknesses, DBHDD looks at different elements, which include financial reports, external quality reviews, key performance indicators and other performance measures, and operating risk and their impact on the system.

Following Mr. Dorr's presentation, Commissioner Fitzgerald presented, *DBHDD: A Decade of Transformation*, in which she described DBHDD's remarkable transformation from managing a broken system to one that is responsive, accountable, and offers hope, recovery,

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and independence for the people we serve. Her remarks included a detailed mapping of the transformative work in behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, hospital services, and at the enterprise level.

Chair's Report

Chair Ryan provided brief remarks.

Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Chair Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Ellice Martin and was seconded by Mr. Jimmy Thomas. The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

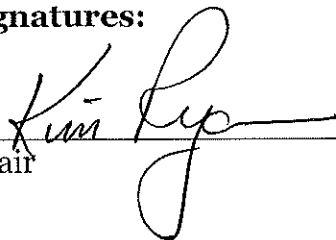
Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, June 14, 2018**. The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24th floor Boardroom.

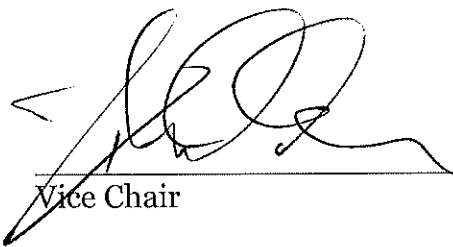
Respectfully submitted by:

Rayna Gibson, recording secretary

Signatures:



Chair



Vice Chair