



DBHDD

**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2017
1:00 p.m.
2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor Boardroom
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Meeting Called By: David Glass, Vice Chair

Facilitator: David Glass

Note Taker: Rayna Gibson (DBHDD)

Members Present: Jan Ligon, Ellice Martin, Jean Sumner

Members Teleconferencing: Jimmy Thomas and Kenneth Holton

Members Absent: Kim Ryan, Kim-Carroll Hawkins

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner/General Counsel
Lavin Gartland Briggs, Special Projects Director/Board Liaison
Ron Wakefield, Director, Developmental Disabilities

Agenda

Call to Order: David Glass; 1:03 p.m.

Vice Chair David Glass welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized the members participating via teleconference.

Recovery Presentation

A member of the RESPECT Institute of Georgia Tatinisha Frazer, introduced Ms. Pam Brooks-Crump, to the members of the Board. Ms. Crump shared her impactful story

*Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner*

entitled, “Pretty Bow,” about her recovery journey. She has been free from alcohol and drugs for 20 years, and through her recovery, she was able to break the cycle of abuse that plagued her family for generations.

Action Items

Three action items were approved:

1. Approval of the August 17, 2017 Board Meeting minutes: **Vice Chair David Glass** made a motion to amend the minutes, which was seconded by **Ellice Martin**. The minutes were unanimously approved to express the revisions.
2. Approval of the Board Meeting 2018 calendar: **Vice Chair David Glass** made a motion to approve the 2018 calendar, which was seconded by **Jean Sumner**. The calendar was unanimously approved without additions or corrections.
3. Board resolution for Johnny Grant, **Vice Chair David Glass** made a motion to approve the resolution, which and was seconded by **Ellice Martin**. The resolution was unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

Commissioner’s Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced DBHDD team members to give the following updates:

Cassandra Price, Director of Addictive Diseases, gave an overview of the STR opioid grant, including requirements, funding, and the providers contracted by DBHDD implement the goals of the grant.

Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner/General Counsel, and **Evelyn Harris, Director of Settlement Coordination**, gave an update on the ADA settlement agreement extension, the significant transformation of our service delivery system since 2010, and DBHDD’s ongoing efforts to achieve compliance with the agreement, which is set to end on June 30, 2018.

Ron Wakefield, Director of Developmental Disabilities, gave an update on the processes and the programs that are being improved within the division. His three main focus areas are to ensure that the system is impacting the Georgians we serve; to improve the system so that individuals move through the process effectively and efficiently; and to ensure that DBHDD is providing high-quality services to everyone in our care. He then introduced team members **Beth Shaw** and **Dana Scott** to give an update on the ADA settlement extension related to hospital transitions, high-risk surveillance, and clinical oversight.

Beth Shaw provided an update on the “transition” requirement in the agreement. She highlighted accomplishments between 2015 and 2018, sharing that more than 70 individuals

have transitioned from a hospital setting to a community home. She also discussed improvements that the department has made to the transition process improvements.

Dana Scott spoke about high-risk surveillance and clinical oversight, which were implemented in July 2017. These efforts support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community who face a heightened level of risk due to their medical and behavioral complexities.

Commissioner Fitzgerald concluded her report with brief remarks about the department's efforts during Hurricane Irma and the work to stabilize safety net.

Chair's Report

Vice Chair Glass stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Vice Chair Glass asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by **Jan Ligon** and was seconded by **Jean Sumner**. 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, February 15, 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


Secretary