



Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

MARCH 18, 2013

1:00 PM

DBHDD BOARD ROOM
24-260

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Deirdre O'Brien, Secretary
FACILITATOR	Deirdre O'Brien, Secretary
MINUTE TAKER	Stephanie McGruder
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	David Glass, W. Gregory Haynes, Sandra Morris, Susan Radovich, and Kimberly Ryan
BOARD MEMBERS TELECONFERENCING	Steve Wilson
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	Jan Ligon

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

DEIRDRE O'BRIEN, SECRETARY

DISCUSSION	Deirdre O'Brien, Secretary, called the special meeting of the Board to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.
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ACTION ITEMS

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

DEIRDRE O'BRIEN, SECRETARY

DISCUSSION	<p>Deirdre O'Brien stated the purpose of the special meeting: the election of Board chair and vice chair. She stated all other regular business will be addressed at the April meeting.</p> <p>Ms. O'Brien reminded members that at the February 18th meeting, there was a call for nominations to fill the positions of chair and vice chair. A vote was taken to approve this special meeting for the election of officers. Nominations were due to the Board secretary by email on Friday, March 1, 2013. Two nominations for the position of chair were received: Kimberly Ryan and Susan Radovich. A nomination for David Glass for the position of vice chair was also received.</p> <p>Candidates were asked to give a 2-3 minute speech outlining personal experience, skills and desire to assume leadership role on the Board. Kim Ryan and Susan Radovich each delivered a brief description of their background and interest in the BHDD Board chair role.</p> <p>Ms. O'Brien requested a motion to open the floor for a vote for the office of chair. A motion was made by Gregory Haynes to elect the office of chair. Sandra Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken on Kim Ryan as chair. Four (4) members voted in favor of Ms. Ryan (David Glass, Deirdre O'Brien, Kimberly Ryan, and Steve Wilson). Three (3) members voted against her election (Gregory Haynes, Sandra Morris and Susan Radovich). All votes were accounted.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	Kim Ryan was elected Board chair.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE CHAIR

DEIRDRE O'BRIEN, SECRETARY

DISCUSSION	Deirdre O'Brien asked David Glass to address his fellow Board members. After Mr. Glass' speech, a motion was requested by Ms. O'Brien to open the floor for a vote on the office of vice chair. A motion was made by W. Gregory Haynes to elect the position of vice-chair and it was seconded by Susan Radovich. A vote was taken.
CONCLUSIONS	David Glass was unanimously elected as Board vice-chair.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

FRANK BERRY, COMMISSIONER

DISCUSSION	<p>Commissioner Berry acknowledged the unusual circumstance of a Board operating without an elected chair. He thanked the Board for their continued participation and recognized their value to him and to the Department during his seven (7) month tenure. He stated that he is looking forward to the months ahead and thanked Ms. Ryan for agreeing to serve as Board chair.</p> <p>Commissioner Berry began his departmental report by providing an update on a statewide meeting that the Department convened on March 15th in Forsyth, GA of all providers of developmental disability (DD) services. Over 600 providers were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to address concerns about the quality of placements in the community and challenges that have been identified by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) from their reviews of DBHDD community-based services for individuals that have transitioned from an institution to the community. A more detailed update will be provided at the April Board meeting. DBHDD communicated the seriousness of provider accountability and recognized its own barriers that need addressing (funding, policy and practice). The message was received with enthusiasm and positive feedback was reflected in the meeting evaluations.</p> <p>By June 30th, according to the provisions of the settlement agreement, 150 individuals living with DD in state operated hospitals will have to be transitioned into the community. To date, 50 individuals have been successfully moved. Those living with complex medical and behavioral issues remain in our hospitals.</p> <p>Commissioner Berry indicated his excitement about former state Senator Johnny Grant's appointment to the BHDD Board. He has spoken to him and had a great conference call. Former state Senator Grant was instrumental in the creation of DBHDD and will play a key role in the Department's continuing evolution.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	The Board offered no additional comments and there was no further discussion.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

KIM RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Deirdre O'Brien turned the meeting over to Kim Ryan to conduct the remaining business. Ms. Ryan asked if there was any other business or discussion.
CONCLUSIONS	No additional comments or questions were offered.

ADJOURNMENT

KIM RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Kim Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gregory Haynes moved that the March 18, 2013 special meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Sandra Morris. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:29 p.m.
SPECIAL NOTES	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, April 15, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

CONSUELO L. CAMPBELL

SIGNATURES

	CHAIR
	SECRETARY