



# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

**FEB. 18, 2013**

**1:00 PM**

**DBHDD BOARD ROOM  
24-260**

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

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

**MARK BAKER  
DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Bill Caruthers, Peer Community Navigation Specialist of Savannah CNS Team shared a video presentation depicting his life from childhood to adulthood. His fight with addiction began as a youth and continued throughout his adult life. He is now in recovery and attributes his success to seeking services and dedicating himself to educating others by telling his life story.
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**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM DEC. 17, 2012**

**DEIRDRE O'BRIEN, SECRETARY**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Deirdre O'Brien called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting. Sandra Morris made the motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Steve Wilson.
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The December 17, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved with no further discussion.
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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**DEIRDRE O'BRIEN, SECRETARY**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Deirdre O'Brien announced a call for nominations for chair and vice chair of the Board to fill the vacant officer roles. She indicated that Board members may nominate themselves or others up until Friday, March 1, 2013. Nominations are to be emailed to the Board secretary.  Ms. O'Brien called for a motion to hold a special Board meeting on March 18, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing the Board chair and vice chair. The motion was made by W. Gregory Hayes to hold a special Board meeting on March 18 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Sandra Morris.
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The motion to hold a special Board Meeting on 3/18/13 at 1:00 p.m. was unanimously approved with no further discussion.
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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>DD Advisory Committee Updates</b> Deborah Conway, Chair of the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC) provided a brief overview of the council and its current activities.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- According to DDAC's bylaws, the council is comprised of 13 members.                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Advocates for Families</li> <li>• 3 Advocacy Agencies</li> <li>• 6 Public and Private Providers</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The first DDAC meeting was held in January. At the meeting, Assistant Commissioner Dr. Charles Li shared his vision for the council; working together collaboratively with the Department so that every individual achieves independence, freedom and happiness. The Council's goal is to have the best DD system the nation.</li> <li>- The core responsibilities of DDAC include:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing assistance to ensure that services meet best practice standards that are high quality and cost effective.</li> <li>• Recommending improvements to current services.</li> <li>• Recommending revisions to policy and practice.</li> <li>• Facilitating communication throughout all levels of the system.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	There were no additional comments or further discussion. No actions were taken.
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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

**FRANK BERRY, COMMISSIONER**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Commissioner Berry indicated that he would offer only a brief report so that the Board had an opportunity to hear updates from DBHDD's Executive Team about their accomplishments. The Commissioner's report included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Introduction of new DBHDD staff member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Link, Director of Regional Operations (former Region 3 Coordinator)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Stakeholder Involvement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner Berry recently met with the Georgia Sheriffs' Association at their winter conference. His objective was to provide information about DBHDD's services to the newly elected and incumbent sheriffs. He emphasized the CSB safety net system as well as other behavioral health resources offered by the Department. Subsequently, Commissioner Berry requested all Regional Directors, CEO's and CSB Directors to reach out to their local sheriffs. Commissioner Berry further stated that this outreach is not a substitute for crisis response services currently available but will serve as a way to enhance community partnerships. Commissioner acknowledged Sheriff Steve Wilson, BH board member, for his presence during the sheriffs' conference.</li> <li>- On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Department is hosting a meeting with all providers of DD services throughout Georgia to discuss DOJ's expectations and those of DBHDD. There will be two sessions, one in the morning from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. and one in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Providers who are unable to attend the morning session are expected to attend the afternoon session. The meeting announcement will be sent to providers next week.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- **DOJ Update**

- The Department has met with the DOJ 3 times since the December Board meeting. Commissioner Berry stated that the DOJ is pleased with its relationship with DBHDD.
- The DOJ has expressed concerns about the quality of care. Site visits conducted by the DOJ have revealed that people who are currently being served in community-based settings are not receiving adequate levels of care.

- **Legislative Update**

- Assistant Commissioner Lavin Gartland provided a legislative update:
  - Commissioner Berry addressed the House Democratic Caucus and also presented the DBHDD Budget to the Senate Human Development and Public Health Appropriations Subcommittee.
  - Mental Health Day at the Capitol is February 19, 2013.
  - Commissioner Berry will present the FY 2014 budget to the House Human Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on February 19, 2013 at 2:00pm.
  - Commissioner Berry meets with Governor Deal on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.
  - Developmental Disabilities Day at the Capitol is Thursday, February 21, 2013.
- Andrew Johnson, director of Legislative Affairs added:
  - DBHDD is tracking legislation that the GBI introduced, which references abuse to elderly adults and persons with disabilities. His work has included ensuring that the population of people that we serve are protected.
  - We are near the Session's mid-point with this being the 18<sup>th</sup> day.

- **Budget Update**

- Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor provided the update on the DBHDD Budget.
  - The FY'13 supplemental budget has passed the full House and is expected to be vote on by the Senate Appropriations Committee tomorrow, February 19, 2013.
  - The FY'14 budget has passed the House and the Senate.

- **Strategic Framework Update**

- Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald presented the Department's strategic framework. The highlighted points were:
  - The vision for the framework begins with looking ahead and preparing for a health care environment of the future. This includes:
    - Managed Care Environment
    - Accountable for Whole Health
    - Recovery Oriented
    - Community Based
  - The vision also includes determining the Department's organizational impact regarding:
    - Focus: We Serve People
    - Balance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple lenses, processes, practices</li> <li>- Compliance w/legal mandates with focus on the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decision-making</li> <li>- Prioritization</li> <li>- Communication</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Accountability</li> <li>o How to Organize For Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teams</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>▪ <b>Division of Addictive Diseases Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Executive Director of the Division of Addictive Diseases (DAD), Cassandra Price, provided an overview of the division. The Division is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing, administering, supervising state addictive diseases programs;</li> <li>• Planning for and implementing the coordination of addictive disease services with physical health services;</li> <li>• Prevention of any of addictive diseases; and</li> <li>• Ensuring that prevention, treatment, and recovery services are available to the citizens of Georgia.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- DAD Contracts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers in DBHDD's 6 regions that offer services and supports to men, women, and children who are struggling with or are at risk for substance use or abuse disorders.</li> <li>• Prevention entities that offer programs specifically designed to reduce risks associated with substance use and abuse. While substance use is the primary focus, purchased services also positively reduce other risk factors such as crime, teen pregnancy, school failure, delinquency and economic dependence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Programs/Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance Abuse Treatment</li> <li>• Substance Abuse Prevention</li> <li>• DUI Intervention Program</li> <li>• Federal Grants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The Board offered no additional comments or discussion.
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**CHAIR'S REPORT** DEIRDRE O'BRIEN, SECRETARY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Deirdre O'Brien indicated that the Department has provided each member with a binder containing information about the agency. She encouraged members to review the information. In addition, Ms. O'Brien called the Board's attention to documents they received last week regarding financial disclosures. She asked members to complete the documents and to contact Consuelo Campbell should there be any questions.
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	There were no comments or questions. No actions were taken.
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS** DEIRDRE O'BRIEN, SECRETARY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Deirdre O'Brien opened the floor for public comment.
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	There were no comments from the public.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	Deirdre O'Brien called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Morris made the motion to adjourn and Susan Radovich seconded the motion. The meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities ended at approximately 2:20 p.m.
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	The Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 18, 2013 to elect officers.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY**

STEPHANIE MCGRUDER

**SIGNATURES**

	<b>SECRETARY</b>
	