

# **Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes**

August 18, 2016 1:00 p.m. 24<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

**Meeting Called By:** 

Kimberly Ryan, Chair; 1:02 p.m.

Facilitator:

Kimberly Ryan

**Note Taker:** 

Laurie Sparks (DBHDD)

**Members Present:** 

Kimberly Ryan, Chair

Kim Carroll-Hawkins

David Glass Ellice Martin Jean Sumner Jimmy Thomas

**Members** 

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Johnny Grant

Kenneth Holton

Jan Ligon

**Members Absent:** 

Teleconferencing:

None

DBHDD Leadership:

Jeff Minor, COO

Judy Fitzgerald, Chief of Staff

Lavin Gartland Briggs, Assistant Commissioner

Amy Howell, General Counsel

Monica Johnson, Director, Behavioral Health Andrew Johnson, Director, Public Affairs Stuart Wilkinson, Legislative Liaison Angelyn Dionysatos, Press Secretary

# Agenda

Call to Order:

Kimberly Ryan

Chair Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting, and recognized the members participating via teleconference.

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Frank W. Berry, Commissioner

### **Recovery Presentation**

Chair Ryan recognized Shelia Corn, outreach coordinator for the RESPECT Institute. Ms. Corn introduced Viveca Williams to the members of the Board. Ms. Williams shared how she was successfully using her recovery experience to help others achieve the same.

#### **Action Items**

Approval of Minutes

Chair Ryan asked the board to approve the minutes from its last meeting on June 23, 2016. Jimmy Thomas made the motion, which was seconded by Kim Carroll-Hawkins. The minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

Adoption of Resolution to Surplus Property

Chair Ryan asked the board to adopt a resolution authorizing the surplus of the property formerly known as Southwestern State Hospital, which officially closed for business on December 31, 2013. Chair Ryan stated the State Properties Commission obtained authorization to convey this property for sale through Senate Resolution 266, which was signed by the Governor on May 12, 2015. Ellice Martin made the motion, which was seconded by David Glass. The resolution was unanimously adopted without additions or corrections.

Approval of the Proposed Amended Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2018 Budgets Chair Ryan asked the board to approve the proposed budgets, which were presented to the board. Jean Sumner made the motion, which was seconded by Jimmy Thomas. The budgets were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

# **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Berry recognized Jeff Minor, COO, for a budget and facilities update. Minor explained in detail the proposed Amended Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2018 budgets. He noted how the budgets continue to support the vision of the department (presentation linked herein).

Chief of Staff Judy Fitzgerald was asked to give a departmental update. Fitzgerald provided an update on the DOJ settlement and commended DBHDD's team members for their unwavering commitment to our vision and the progress we have made.

Commissioner Berry announced an upcoming event at Central State Hospital and asked Assistant Commissioner Lavin Gartland Briggs to share the details. Briggs stated that an event was scheduled for September 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Central State Hospital Pecan Grove. The event will be free and open to anyone who would like to commemorate the extraordinary history of Central State.

(Budget presentation available at <a href="http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/presentations-reports">http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/presentations-reports</a>)

## Chair's Report

Chair Ryan stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## Adjournment

There was no further business. Chair Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ellice Martin and was seconded by Kim Carroll-Hawkins. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

## **Special Notes**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday**, **October 20**, **2016**. The meeting will be held at Georgia Regional Hospital-Atlanta, at 3073 Panthersville Road, Decatur, Georgia, 30034.

Respectfully submitted by: Laurie Sparks, recording secretary

Signatures:

Vice Chair (David

(David Glass) Secreta

Attachments