



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

MAR. 27, 2013

10:04 AM

STATE CAPITOL ROOM 216

MEETING CALLED BY	Commissioner Frank Berry at 10:04 AM
FACILITATOR	Commissioner Frank Berry
MINUTE TAKER	Stephanie McGruder
COUNCIL ATTENDEES PRESENT	Frank Berry, David Cook, Katie Dempsey, Brenda Fitzgerald, Stanley Jones, Corinna Magelund, Albert Murray, Avery Niles, Brian Owens, Diane Reeder, Clyde Reese and Renee Unterman
ABSENT	John Barge, Mark Butler and Julie Spores

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	Commissioner Frank Berry welcomed everyone and introduced Commissioner Avery Niles as the newest member of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (BHCC).

PRESENTATION MARK BAKER, DBHDD
DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY
TRANSFORMATION

DISCUSSION	Mark Baker introduced representatives from the RESPECT Institute and the guest speaker, Joshua Bell. Mr. Bell shared that he spent years working towards recovery. He attributes his success to becoming a Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) and to the intensive treatment services he received. Mr. Bell is newly married and introduced his wife and son. He desires to open a treatment facility one day in Region 6.
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CONCLUSIONS	There was no discussion or action taken.
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ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY**

DISCUSSION	Commissioner David Cook requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that he was unable to attend in December due to a Medicaid meeting. Commissioner Berry called for a motion to accept the minutes of the BHCC meeting held on December 13, 2012 as amended. Commissioner Cook made the motion and the motion was seconded by Chairman Albert Murray.
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CONCLUSIONS	The December 13, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved with the changes.
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APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT **COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY**

DISCUSSION	A draft of the BHCC's first report was sent to the Council prior to the meeting and all edits were incorporated. Commissioner Berry called for a motion to approve the 2009-2012 report of the BHCC. In accordance with Georgia statute, the BHCC is required to submit annual reports to the Governor and the Georgia General Assembly. Commissioner Berry called for a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Cook made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Clyde Reese.
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CONCLUSIONS	The 2009-2013 BHCC Annual Report was unanimously approved.
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APPROVAL OF AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP – GVRA

COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

DISCUSSION	<p>Commissioner Berry stated that at the last BHCC meeting, the Council discussed expanding the membership to include the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) as an auxiliary (nonvoting) member.</p> <p>Commissioner Clyde Reese made a motion to approve GVRA as an auxiliary member of the BHCC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Cook.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	<p>The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency was unanimously approved as an auxiliary member of the BHCC and they will be invited to the June 26th meeting.</p>

TRANSITION CARE PROJECT PROPOSAL

COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

DISCUSSION	<p>The needs of individuals with behavioral health challenges and developmental disabilities transitioning from correctional facilities into the community are complex.</p> <p>A transition care project was proposed to investigate the barriers, infrastructure, staffing, services, housing and educational needs of individuals with behavioral and developmental challenges who are under the jurisdiction or care of the Department of Corrections, Board of Pardons and Parole, Department of Juvenile Justice, and DBHDD's forensic services. The proposal was distributed.</p> <p>Commissioner Berry suggested that a workgroup be established from staff of BHCC member agencies. The project would be overseen by the Council and staffed by DBHDD.</p> <p>Commissioner Berry called for a motion and Mr. Stanley Jones made the motion to adopt the transition care project, which will address the proposed scope of work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	<p>The Transition Care Project was unanimously approved as a workgroup of the BHCC. Council members were asked to indentify staff from their agencies to serve on the workgroup. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Members can also send the names of their staff to Consuelo Campbell, BHCC liaison.</p>

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

DISCUSSION	<p>Commissioner Frank Berry shared his recent discussion with Ben Robinson of the Georgia Board of Regents. He and Mr. Robinson discussed issues of workforce development, the BHCC's interest in pursuing efforts to address the workforce challenge, and possible grant opportunities.</p> <p>Commissioner Berry called for a motion to invite Mr. Robinson to present information about workforce development at the next BHCC meeting. Commissioner Cook made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Brian Owens.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	<p>The motion was unanimously approved.</p>

<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Commissioner Berry provided an update on the following DBHDD initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DOJ Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patients at the Craig nursing home are being transitioned to appropriate settings within the community. Craig will be closing on December 31, 2013. ○ Commissioners Cook and Reese were thanked for their support and their agencies working with DBHDD on the Craig closure. ○ On March 15, 2013, DBHDD held a mandatory statewide meeting of all Developmental Disabilities providers. Commissioner thanked Commissioner Brian Owens for the use of space at Tift College, which was used to host the 700 DD providers. ○ DCH, DHS, DPH and DBHDD are collectively working together to address the settlement related needs for all Georgians. ▪ BHCC Agency Collaboratives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCH/DHS – Craig Nursing Home ○ DBHDD is exploring with DPH accommodations for physical and dental health needs of consumers. ▪ Legislative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Berry introduced Lavin Gartland, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs and Andrew Johnson, Director of Legislation to the Council. ○ Today is day 40 of the 2013 legislative session ○ HR502 will create a joint study committee on mental health access.
<p>CONCLUSIONS</p>	<p>Chairman Albert Murray thanked Commissioner Berry for his work and hopes that with the closing of Craig, DBHDD will move closer to its goal as set forth in the settlement.</p> <p>Commissioners Brian Owens and Avery Niles offered their support with the closure.</p>
<p>INTERAGENCY DIRECTOR'S TEAM UPDATE (IDT)</p>	
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Monica Parker, DBHDD director of Community Mental Health and Ursula Davis, director of DHS Systems of Care provided an update on the second phase of the IDT mapping project.</p>
<p>CONCLUSIONS</p>	<p>No additional comments.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>	
<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Commissioner Berry opened the floor for public comment.</p>
<p>CONCLUSIONS</p>	<p>No public comments were offered.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	
<p>MEETING ADJOURNED</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.</p>
<p>SPECIAL NOTES</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council will be on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 10:00 AM.</p>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

STEPHANIE MCCRUDER

SIGNATURES

	CHAIR
	SECRETARY