



# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2015  
1:00 p.m.  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

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**Meeting Called By:** Kimberly Ryan, Chair; 1:01 p.m.

**Facilitator:** Kimberly Ryan

**Note Taker:** Tracy Gamble (DBHDD)

**Members Present:** Kimberly Ryan, Chair  
Kim Carroll-Hawkins  
Jan H. Ligon

**Members Teleconferencing:** Johnny Grant  
Kenneth Holton  
Jean Sumner

**Members Absent:** David Glass  
Ellice P. Martin  
Steve B. Wilson

**DBHDD Leadership:** Frank Berry, Commissioner  
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner  
Judy Fitzgerald, Chief of Staff  
Lavin Gartland Briggs, Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations  
Amy Howell, General Counsel

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** Kimberly Ryan

## **Recovery Presentation**

Chair Ryan introduced recovery speaker Robby Ivey from Macon, Georgia. Ivey is a recent graduate of the RESPECT Institute. She is also survivor of domestic violence and a certified alcohol and drug counselor.

## **Action Item**

Chair Ryan asked the board to approve the minutes from its last meeting on April 23, 2015. Jan Ligon made the motion, which was seconded by Kim Carroll-Hawkins. The minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

## **Commissioner's Report**

Chair Ryan recognized Commissioner Frank Berry to give his report:

### *DBHDD Supported Employment Initiatives*

Berry called on Frank Kirkland, DBHDD's Assistant Director of Developmental Disabilities, to present an overview of support employment.  
(PowerPoint presentation)

### *Update on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)*

Dan Howell, DBHDD's Director of Developmental Disabilities, provided an overview of DBHDD's waiver renewal process for intellectual and developmental disabilities.  
(PowerPoint presentation)

Commissioner Berry recognized Beth English (Easter Seals Southern Georgia) for breaking down barriers on a local level to help individuals find meaningful employment and live more fulfilling lives.

### *Recognition*

DBHDD Chief of Staff Judy Fitzgerald received the Lifetime Distinguished Service Award by Community Friendship, Inc. on June 16.

### *DBHDD Initiatives*

- DBHDD's reorganization will go into effect on July 1, 2015.
- Commissioner Berry will meet with legislators and stakeholders in Thomasville, Georgia. Berry invited board members to attend.
- *Crisis Counseling*: Bobby Cagle, Director of the Division of Family and Children Services, has asked DBHDD to assist with crisis counseling in DeKalb and Fulton counties.
- *Investment in State Hospitals*: Approximately 1,200 people are still being served in DBHDD hospitals. The department is investing heavily in hospital renovations, such

as the new treatment mall at Georgia Regional Hospital at Atlanta. Berry recognized Jeff Minor, Deanna Crider, and their team for their work on this project.

- *Waiver Rewrite:* Commissioner Berry provided an update on the department's IDD residential cost study analysis.

### **Chair's Report**

*Recognition:* Ryan recognized Commissioner Berry for receiving the Lifetime Distinguished Service Award from Community Friendship, Inc.

*Board Training:* Ryan announced there will be a formal board training opportunity for members. Details about the training will be announced at a later date.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

There was no further business. Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Carroll-Hawkins and seconded by Ligon. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

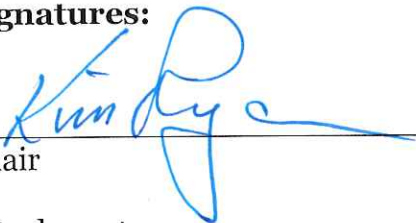
### **Special Notes**

The next scheduled Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **August 20, 2015**.

### **Respectfully submitted by:**

Tracy Gamble, council and committee liaison

### **Signatures:**

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary

Attachments