



# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 19, 2013

1:00 PM

DBHDD BOARD ROOM  
24-260

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

## AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

**DISCUSSION** Ms. Kimberly Ryan, Chair called the meeting of the Board to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**WELCOME** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

**DISCUSSION** Ms. Ryan began the August 19, 2013 meeting of the Board by welcoming Ms. Ellice P. Martin who was recently appointed to the BH Board by Governor Nathan Deal.

**RECOVERY MISSION** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

**DISCUSSION** Ms. Ryan asked Ms. Dana McCrary, CHIPRA Parent and Youth Peer Specialist of the Division of Community Mental Health to introduce the guest speaker Ms. Carmen Coates on behalf of Mr. Mark Baker. Ms. Coates is a mother of four. Two of her children are diagnosed with severe behavioral health challenges, another child has a developmental disability and the other is gifted. Ms. Coates began her advocacy with the Federation of Families Chapter and quickly began assisting other families with children who have diagnosis of both behavioral health disorders and developmental disabilities. Ms. Coates has developed her own family support organization called FAVOR - Families Advocating For Voices of Resilience, where she now employs 15 parents and has helped nearly 300 families across the state of Georgia. She was selected as DBHDD's 2013 Mental and State Level Family Champion.

## ACTION ITEMS

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2013** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

**DISCUSSION** Ms. Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting. Ms. Deirdre O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Susan Radovich.

**CONCLUSION** The June 17, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no further discussion.

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING PROPERTY FROM  
CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	<p>Ms. Ryan presented the Statement of Facts on the transference of property at Central State Hospital. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) is asking the State Properties Commission (SPC) to declare three (3) buildings on the Central State Hospital campus in Milledgeville, Georgia as “surplus” for the current and future needs of the Department. The three buildings are: Chapel 3, Jones 286 and Wilkes. DBHDD is working with the SPC to begin the process of leasing the 3 buildings and to grant a one year lease with two potential one-year renewals. The potential leases are: Chapel 3 Building to Outreach Ministry Church; Jones 286 Building to Cogentes Technology LLC; and Wilkes Building to CAPS/ATL (Analytical Training Laboratory). The property will remain in the custody of DBHDD until it is conveyed by quitclaim deed.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan called for a motion. Ms. Susan Radovich made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny Grant.</p>
CONCLUSION	<p>The resolution to transfer the property from Central State Hospital was unanimously approved with no further discussion.</p>

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING PROPERTY FROM WEST  
CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	<p>Ms. Ryan presented the Statement of Facts on the transference of property located at West Central State Hospital. The State Properties Commission (SPC) requests that the Board accept the quit claim deed associated with the property located at West Central State Hospital. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) approved a Resolution on October 15, 2012, to convey to Columbus Consolidated Government fee simple ownership of parts of acreage for right of improvements, permanent easement for maintenance and slopes, and for temporary construction easement, currently under the custody of West Central Regional Hospital. After the conveyance, the SPC discovered a restrictive covenant on the property. To avoid any breach of the use restrictions, the Columbus Consolidated Government has agreed to quitclaim any remaining interest they hold on this property to the State of Georgia.</p> <p>Ms. Ryan called for a motion. Mr. David Glass made a motion to authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to accept the quit claim deed from the Columbus-Muscogee County Consolidated Government and the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny Grant.</p>
CONCLUSION	<p>The resolution was unanimously approved with no further discussion.</p>

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

FRANK BERRY, COMMISSIONER

	<p>Commissioner Frank Berry acknowledged Ms. Jessica Hardaway from Georgia Power. Commissioner Berry met with Ms. Hardaway and Ms. Susan Radovich prior to the meeting to learn about Ms. Hardaway’s advocacy for individuals living with disabilities and her efforts at Georgia Power to encourage the company to hire more individuals living with disabilities.</p>
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Update on Regions 4 and 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commissioner Berry recently spent time with Governor Nathan Deal discussing the Southwestern State Hospital closure and the development of new Crisis Service Centers.</li> <li>○ The Crisis Service Center in Thomasville will soon be up and running. The Crisis Service Center expansion in Albany is currently underway and the Crisis Service Center in Valdosta is in the ground breaking phase.</li> <li>○ Region 6 will have a emergency receiving facility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>DOJ – End of the year report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DBHDD is awaiting release of the final report from DOJ.</li> <li>○ The Department's ACT Teams have shown tremendous improvement in quality assurance and have received approval from both the Amici and DOJ.</li> <li>○ DBHDD received a 45-day extension on the placement of individuals with developmental disabilities transitioning from the hospitals so that the Department can continue its focus on assuring quality placements.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>▪ <b>Budget Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor provided an update on DBHDD's budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Generally each year the budget is due to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) on the 1<sup>st</sup> work day of September.</li> <li>- This year, OPB did not request any cuts from DBHDD.</li> <li>- DBHDD is being allowed to redirect funds from one line item to another with explanation.</li> <li>- In FY 2015, only six (6) agencies are being afforded the opportunity to request more monies and DBHDD is one of those agencies.</li> <li>- A special meeting of the Board is needed to approve the AFY 2014 and FY 2015 budget submission requests.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**CHAIR'S REPORT**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Chair Kimberly Ryan shared that the October Board meeting will take place at the Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta.</p> <p>In addition, she will call a special meeting of the Board by the month's end to approve DBHDD's amended 2014 and 2015 budget submission requests.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Ms. Ryan opened the floor for public comment. She requested that those wishing to speak limit their comments to no more than 3 minutes.</p>
<b>COMMENTS</b>	<p>Ms. Beth English, Executive Director of Easter Seals in Albany, Georgia and the newly elected President of the Georgia Municipal Association addressed the Board. She shared GMA's desire to collaborate with the Department to educate GMA's members on the DBHDD's programs, services and resources available in communities across Georgia.</p>

**ADJOURNMENT**

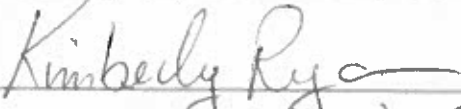
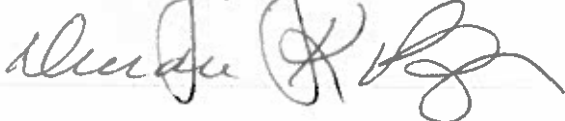
**KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steve Wilson moved that the August 19, 2013 Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deirdre O'Brien. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:08 p.m.
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, October 21, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta (GRHA).

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY**

**STEPHANIE MCGRUDER**

**SIGNATURES**

	<b>CHAIR</b>
	<b>SECRETARY</b>