



# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 16, 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>	Johnny Grant, Jan Ligon, Ellice Martin, Deirdre O'Brien, Susan Radovich, Kimberly Ryan, and Jean Sumner
<b>BOARD MEMBERS TELECONFERENCING</b>	Steve Wilson

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Kimberly Ryan, Chair, called the meeting of the Board to order at approximately 1:04 p.m.
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### RECOVERY PRESENTATION

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan called on Ms. Sara Case, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Programs, to introduce the first of the three guest speakers slated to present to the Behavioral Health Board as part of the Department's focus on recovery transformation.</p> <p>Ms. Sara Case introduced Ms. Denise Eller of AVITA Community Partners and Mr. Frank Campbell. Mr. Campbell, a consumer living with a developmental disability, shared his story of moving from an institution into a group home (which he states he did not like), and finally he moved into a host home. He enjoys living in the host home and has made strides towards becoming more independent. Mr. Campbell presented Commissioner Frank Berry with a colorful flag, which was created through the Dream Weavers Project.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan called on Mr. Mark Baker, Directory of Recovery Transformation, to introduce the second guest speaker as part of the focus on recovery transformation.</p> <p>Mr. Baker introduced Ms. Sheri McGuinness, President and CEO of SPAN-GA. Ms. McGuinness' presentation provided a wealth of information as a survivor of suicide through the loss of her husband. Ms. McGuinness displayed a beautiful quilt made by other suicide survivors in remembrance of those who died before the members of the Board and the audience. The quilt is used as a tool by SPAN-GA in conjunction with teaching, educating, and awareness to offer support to families dealing with the loss of a loved one.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan called on Mr. Alfred Brooks, of the RESPECT Institute to introduce the third guest speaker, Mr. James Turner, a graduate of the that program, to speak on his recovery.</p> <p>Mr. James Turner stated that he was born with cerebral palsy and had worn a brace that covered his upper torso down to his feet. He now no longer needs to wear the brace. He admits to having emotional struggles due to his disability, which caused some depression. James began working to obtain a degree in Vocational Human Services from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with a 3.79 grade point average. After college, he decided to become an advocate for people with disabilities.</p>
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**ACTION ITEMS****APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21st regular scheduled meeting. Ms. Ellice P. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Deirdre O'Brien.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The October 21, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2014 MEETING CALENDAR**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan called for a motion to adopt the 2014 Board of Behavioral Health Meeting Calendar. Ms. Deirdre O'Brien made the motion to approve the 2014 Meeting Calendar, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Susan Radovich.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The 2014 Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Meeting calendar was unanimously adopted.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
W. GREGORY HAYNES**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan presented W. Gregory Haynes with a resolution commending him for his nearly three years of service to the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The resolution of appreciation recognizing W. Gregory Haynes did not get approved and will need to appear on the agenda at the next schedule meeting of the Board.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF A TEMPORARY  
REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT – CRIMES AND  
MR. MEANORS, LLC.**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mr. Alan Cardin of Facilities and Risk Management presented the Statement of Facts on the resolution. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) received a request for a temporary revocable license agreement from Crimes and Mr. Meanors, LLC to produce a short film on November 8, 2013. The department determined it can accommodate this request without causing harm to the property and wishes to support the Georgia Department of Economic Development's cooperation with the television and film industry and its positive economic impact in the community.</p> <p>The Commissioner is authorized to take all necessary steps, including execution of all the required documents, to request that the State Properties Commission execute a Temporary Revocable License Agreement (RLA) to Crimes and Mr. Meanors, LLC at the Property, located in Baldwin County, Milledgeville, Georgia for the purposes of stated herein.</p> <p>Ms. Ryan called for a motion to approve the resolution of the temporary revocable license agreement – Crimes and Mr. Meanors. Mr. Johnny Grant made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Deirdre O'Brien.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The resolution of a temporary revocable license agreement – Crimes and Mr. Meanors, LLC was unanimously approved with no further discussion.

Commissioner Frank Berry began his report by announcing the departure of Consuelo Campbell, who had served as the liaison to both the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board and the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Coordinating Council. In addition, Ms. Campbell assisted Commissioner Berry and Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald with other special projects for the department. Commissioner Berry stated that she will be greatly missed but that he is excited for her new endeavors as the Director of Mental Health Services for the Liberia Project with the Carter Center.

DISCUSSION

▪ **South Georgia Update**

- Commissioner Berry, along with DBHDD staff, visited eight coastal county commissioners and city officials serving in Effingham, Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Glynn, and Camden Counties.
- During the course of this three day trip, Commissioner Berry and staff were afforded the opportunity to visit with Behavioral Health Board Member Ms. Deirdre O'Brien and her daughter, Claire, at Claire's school in Waycross, Georgia. According to Commissioner Berry, school officials credit Ms. O'Brien for her valuable contribution to the school as an advocate for children with disabilities.
- The remainder of the trip was spent in the Gateway CSB catchment area where the department continues to build partnerships with the county commissioners who have expressed great interests in helping to provide support to families at the local level.
- The final visit was to Camden County where Commissioner Berry met for two hours with a collaborative group from the community to address specific concerns for DD services for two families.
- Within the next 30 to 45 days, the department hopes to identify a new director to oversee the operations of Gateway. Mr. David Crews, Acting Director, has agreed to remain on board until one has been selected.

▪ **Budget Update**

- Commissioner Berry and Deputy Commissioners Jeff Minor and Judy Fitzgerald presented the department's budget to the Governor.
- DBHDD spent 99.6% of the FY 2015 budget.
- Overall, Governor Deal was pleased with the work of our Department as we continue to move from an institutional model to a community-based system of care. Governor Deal was also very complimentary of our Board.

▪ **Proposed Legislation Update**

- The issues surrounding Gateway CSB provided insight into CSB governance and best practices. . As a result, the department will introduce legislation regarding CSB governance during the upcoming session. The legislation will also provide for public officials to serve on CSB boards.

DISCUSSION

▪ **CRIPA Update**

- Under the CRIPA Settlement Agreement, there were five areas of focus for our hospitals identified by the DOJ:
  - Protection from harm
  - Mental health care
  - Seclusion and restraint
  - Medical and nursing care
  - Discharge planning

- Under the CRIPA Settlement Agreement the department has five years to be in substantial compliance with the five areas of focus.
- In addition to the five, there were four areas that needed to be in substantial compliance by January 2010:
  - Choking and aspiration risk assessment and prevention
  - Suicide risk assessment and prevention
  - Prevention of patient on patient assaults
  - Implementation of emergency management codes
- The department did meet this milestone by January 2010.
- In December 2013, the department received a letter from the DOJ stating:
  - The DOJ concurs that the State has achieved substantial compliance with the requirements of the 2009 CRIPA Agreement, with the exception of:
    - Discharge and transition planning.
    - Negative trends in violence at GRHA and ECRH.
  - The final section of the DOJ letter requests a written report from the department addressing six areas of systemic concern:
    - Quality assurance protocol for serious abuse incidents
    - Timeliness of initiation of investigations
    - Treatment planning protocol for short-term acute patients
    - Restraint use
    - Polypharmacy
    - Repeat admissions
- Commissioner Berry stated that the department should be released from the CRIPA Settlement in January of 2014.

▪ **OTHER DBHDD Business**

- Commissioner Berry invited the members of the Board to the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Behavioral Health Crisis Center in Valdosta on December 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. Commissioner Berry recognized both Dr. Li and Dr. Risby for their efforts to oversee the opening of this facility.
- Commissioner Berry mentioned to the Board that this year he was asked to Chair the annual State Charitable Contributions Campaign that ended on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Campaign was under the leadership of Ms. Lafaye Harris. This year, Ms. Harris was able to help raise nearly \$26,000 dollars through the organization of the following campaign activities and others:
  - Change wars
  - Real men can cook
  - Rummage sale
  - Charitable incarceration
  - Bake sale
- Commissioner Berry recognized Stephanie McGruder and Tracy Gamble who will be filling Consuelo Campbell's role as liaisons for the Behavioral Health Board.
- Commissioner Berry also recognized Representative Pat Gardner, who attended the Board meeting to discuss a Fulton County and Grady Health System matter that the department is looking into.
- Commissioner Berry informed the Board that the Department of Justice will visit the DBHDD central office on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

**COMMENTS**

The Commissioner's report concluded with no comments.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Kimberly Ryan began her report with reflections as this was the last Behavioral Health Board meeting of the 2013 year. Ms. Ryan commended Commissioner Berry for the accomplishments of the department with the Settlement Agreements.
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<b>COMMENTS</b>	No comments were made at this time.
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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Terry Worthly, who is the mother of a child with a developmental disability, thanked the State of Georgia for affording eligible families with the Comprehensive Waiver.
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<b>COMMENTS</b>	No additional comments.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR**

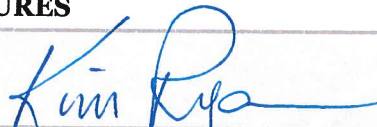

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Deirdre O'Brien moved that the December 16, 2013 meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny Grant. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.
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<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
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**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY**

**STEPHANIE MCGRUDER**

**SIGNATURES**

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