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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2014

1:00 PM

DBHDD COMMISSIONER'S
CONFERENCE ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	Commissioner Frank at approximately 1:00 p.m.
FACILITATOR	Commissioner Frank W. Berry
NOTE TAKER	Tracy Gamble
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD), Ombudsman Corinna Magelund (ODSO), Commissioner Brian Owens (DOC), and Commissioner Clyde Reese (DHS)
ACTION ITEMS	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<p>Commissioner Berry called for a vote to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2013 executive committee meeting. Commissioner Clyde Reese asked that the December 6, 2013 minutes be amended to include language to reflect the praises that were shared about Consuelo Campbell.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Berry to accept the minutes with the amendments from the December 6, 2013 executive committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Owens.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	The minutes from the December 6, 2013 executive committee meeting were unanimously approved to include the amendment.
BHCC ANNUAL REPORT	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<p>Commissioner Berry invited members of the BHCC Executive Team and to present before the full committee if there are topics they would like to see addressed.</p> <p>Commissioner Frank Berry asked Lavin Gartland, assistant commissioner, to give a status update on the BHCC 2013 Annual Report.</p> <p>Lavin Gartland reported that Tracy Gamble is working on final edits of the BHCC 2013 Annual Report and will provide a draft version to the committee next week for review. The full committee will be given a final draft for review and approval at the next scheduled meeting on March 26. Once approved, the report will be presented to the legislature.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	A draft of the BHCC 2013 Annual Report will be given to the executive committee next week and presented to the full council on March 26, 2014.
DBHDD UPDATE	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<p>Commissioner Berry provided an update on Gateway Community Service Board, which serves eight coastal counties in southeast Georgia:</p> <p>DBHDD has advertised and interviewed for a permanent CEO of Gateway. The department also met with the chairs of all the county commissions and the major municipalities. They are pleased with the way the state is handling Gateway. Because of the department's outreach, the commissioners have a better understanding of DBHDD and Gateway and are more invested in future plans for the agency. Many have offered additional resources and financial support through in-kind contributions.</p>

David Crews has done a phenomenal job as interim manager. Originally, DBHDD's goal was to have a new board in place and trained by July 1, 2014. However, the department will move forward with some of the board training. Crews will stay on as the onsite manager until a permanent CEO is found.

Commissioner Berry recognized Lavin Gartland and her legislative team for working with the legislature to explain the purpose of SB 349: to strengthen the community service boards (CSBs) and ensure that public officials serve on their governing boards. Berry explained that CSBs are public agencies which need a certain level of accountability. The legislation will allow for more oversight from the department. Berry noted that these changes are not a direct result of issues involving Gateway, but that Gateway helped inform how the legislation was crafted.

DISCUSSION

Each of the agencies represented on the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council use Gateway CSB for behavioral health needs and many developmental disability services. Gateway serves 250-300 people with developmental disabilities in the community. It operates crisis stabilization units and outpatient programs that serve close to 10,000 people a year. Commissioner Berry recognized Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor for his efforts with helping Gateway services.

Question: Commissioner Reese asked for the name of the previous CEO of Gateway and the status of his lawsuit.

Answer: Commissioner Berry said Frank Bonati was the previous CEO of Gateway. The lawsuit Bonati brought against the state went into first mediation, which the state won. The week after mediation, the lawsuit was dismissed. The second lawsuit that is still being resolved involves Mr. Bonati's contract dispute. The Governor's office has been very supportive of DBHDD.

CONCLUSIONS

No action taken.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Berry called on Monica Parker, director of DBHDD's Division of Community Mental Health, to provide an update on the Interagency Director's Team (IDT) collaborative project.

Parker informed the committee that this year the IDT collaborative focused on children with a goal of building capacity to provide optimum practice for young children with behavioral disorders (ADHD, ODD, conduct disorders). The collaborative developed partnerships with every state agency representative on the BHCC. IDT also partnered with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and looked at statistical data from the center. The CDC is using Georgia as a model for other states on partnership with state-level collaboratives.

Parker reported data from a 2011-2012 National Survey of Children's Health that the parent-reported prevalence of current ADHD was 9.3% in Georgia (national average, 8.8%). Children in Georgia are typically diagnosed with ADHD at 7.5 years of age.

Parker noted that Georgia Health Policy Center's Center of Excellence provided administrative support for the IDT.

Parker shared the following IDT collaborative action items that have been completed:

1. Partnered with the Center for Disease Control
2. Analyzed Georgia Medicaid claims to learn more about ADHD treatment in Georgia.
3. Compared Georgia Medicaid claims for ADHD treatment with the national data.
4. Surveyed practitioners in Georgia to identify trends in linkage to best practice treatment recommendations.

The IDT collaborative, the CDC and the Georgia Chapter of the American Association of Pediatrics (GAAAP) want to communicate Georgia best practices and guidelines by:

1. Communication to pediatricians. Susann Visor from CDC will present at the GAAAP conference in June 2014.
2. System of Care Academy (sponsored by the IDT), June 2014
3. Dissemination of recorded presentation via webinar on the Center of Excellence's IDT website.

Children in Need of Services (CHINS)

Parker also gave an update on the Children in Need of Services (CHINS) program. She informed the committee that IDT has completed a CHINS resource document and plans to create an accompanying webinar to explain services available and community resources for CHINS. Georgia State is aiding in the project, which is ninety percent complete.

Parker mentioned the System of Care Academy (a collaboration between DBHDD and Georgia State), which will be held in June at the Evergreen Marriott in Stone Mountain.

	<p>Effective July 1, 2014, Debbie Gay (Department of Education) will be the new chair of IDT.</p> <p>Comment: Commissioner Berry stated as the foster care CMO gets closer, the coordination among all four agencies may help inform plans for Georgia's foster care system.</p> <p>Comment: Ms. Parker stated that the IDT collaborative talked about identifying special projects going forth, and foster care was one of the topics discussed. She also stated that the collaborative is willing to address any issues that involve child and adolescents in the future.</p> <p>Comment: Commissioner Berry stated that the criminogenic factors among children that lead them into the adult correction system maybe an area that we can look at in a more comprehensive way.</p>
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CONCLUSIONS	No action taken.
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TRANSITION CARE WORK GROUP UPDATE	DR. TERRI TIMBERLAKE, DIRECTOR ADULT MENTAL HEALTH
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DISCUSSION	<p>Timberlake explained how the Transition Care Work Group has moved forward with a few of the recommendations that were presented and approved in past meetings. She discussed the Forensic Peer Mentors initiative, which pairs offenders with peers as part of an individual's transition plan. The peer mentor would help to bridge appropriate type of treatments and supports. Timberlake noted that peer mentors are extremely effective across the state in DBHDD's system of care.</p> <p>Timberlake said the workgroup would like to contract with consultant Michael Little from Philadelphia to pilot the Forensic Peer Mentors initiative. Little has provided the workgroup with a proposal for implementing the initiative in Georgia, which requires an estimated \$209,000 over a twelve month period.</p> <p>Employment and multiple training needs were identified as barriers to accessing services. Working with persons who have criminal records would require some training. The workgroup feels that it is important to provide skills training for occupations that are going to be relevant in the future.</p> <p>The workgroup identified challenges offenders face in the benefits application process. The workgroup recommends more re-entry specialists to serve the state's 32 prisons. Re-entry specialists assist with benefits applications prior to release from prison. Currently, there are 13 SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) trained re-entry specialists.</p> <p>Question: Commissioner Berry asked how the workgroup can measure whether a re-entry specialist can effectively help an offender gain access to services.</p> <p>Answer: Timberlake explained that a re-entry specialist will help the individual start the benefits application before he/she is released. The specialist will also connect the individual with services when he/she is discharged.</p> <p>The workgroup also examined housing barriers and felt that there is a need for mandated behavioral health training to better coordinate the Re-Entry Partnership Housing (RPH) and Transitional Housing for Offender Re-Entry (THOR) programs. The workgroup also recommended better collection and review of the</p>
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	RPH utilization data (extending the timeframe from 4 to 6 months). Question: Commissioner Berry asked Corinna Magelund to provide updates from the Office of Disability Services Ombudsman. Magelund reported on construction regarding an entrance to the state Capitol.
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The proposal of the transition care project was accepted and will be presented to the Council for approval on March 26.
PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Berry called for a motion to adopt the following agenda items for the March 26, 2014 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gateway CSB ○ DBHDD Emergency Task Force ○ Commissioner's Update ○ Vote to approve the Annual Report ○ CRIPA ○ Mental Health Day at the Capitol ○ Olmstead
OTHER BUSINESS	COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY
DISCUSSION	No other business was brought forward.
ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Frank Berry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Chairman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.
SPECIAL NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council is March 26, 2014 and the next meeting of the BHCC Executive Committee is May 13, 2014.

SIGNATURES

	CHAIR
	SECRETARY