



# Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DBHDD

AUGUST 12, 2014

10:00AM

ROOM 24-397

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| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>                   | Commissioner Frank Berry at approximately 10:06 A.M.  |   |
| <b>FACILITATOR</b>                         | Commissioner Frank Berry  |   |
| <b>NOTE TAKER</b>                          | Tracy Gamble  |   |
| <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT</b> | Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD)<br>Ombudsman Corinna Magelund ODSO<br>Commissioner Brian Owens (DOC) | Terry Barnard (PAP)<br>Commissioner Clyde Reese (DHS) |

### AGENDA

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| <b>CALL TO ORDER</b> | <b>COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY</b>   |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b>    | Commissioner Frank Berry called the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Executive Committee to order at approximately 10:06 a.m. |
| <b>CONCLUSIONS</b>   | There was no action taken.  |

### ACTION ITEMS

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| <b>APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2014 MINUTES</b> |  | <b>COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY</b> |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b>                          | The first action item was to approve the May 13, 2014 BHCC Executive Committee meeting minutes.<br>Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve the May 13, 2014 BHCC Executive Committee meeting minutes. Magelund made a motion to approve the May 13, 2014 BHCC Executive Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Murray.   |                                 |
| <b>CONCLUSIONS</b>                         | The May 13, 2014 BHCC Executive Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.   |                                 |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b>                          | Commissioner Berry welcomed and introduced the new BHCC committee member, Terry Bernard, Chair of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.<br><br>Terry has served on the State Board of Pardons and Parole for four years. He served nearly sixteen years in the state legislature. Terry has multiple years of experience in finance, business along with multiple years that he spent in the legislature providing oversight over the Department of Corrections. |                                 |
| <b>CONCLUSIONS</b>                         | There was no action taken.   |                                 |

**DISCUSSION**

Behavioral Health Core Redesign Initiative is designed to approve access, quality, efficiencies, and fiscal accountability within the community behavioral health provider network. The department plans to overhaul the behavioral provider system by using the following three components:

1. Procurement of administration services organization (ASO)  
The ASO will allow the department to collect and analyze data and move toward collection of real time data to manage our higher end services.
  
2. Redesign of the network  
The providers will be categorized by the following 3 Tier system.  
**Tier 1** -Public - CSB providers and public agencies  
**Tier 2** -Medicaid -providers  
**Tire 3** -Specialty providers
  
3. Move from Grant in-in aid process to a one twelfth performance based fee for service  
The CSB"s have one year to meet the new standards that will be a part of their new contractual expectations. There will be one year of intensive technical assistance and training provided. The CSB's will remain in a special status with the department.

All three components are to achieve accountability in our public system. The technical assistance being provided along with the timeline in which the initiatives are being rolled out will result in the high quality services that Commissioner Berry has made a commitment to achieve. The legislature has allocated funds to the department that we want to be accounted for.

*Question:* Bernard asked if the tiers are categorized in priority as it relates to delivery of services.

*Answer:* Commissioner Berry stated that the Tier 1 provider is responsible for delivering comprehensive array of services.

*Question:* Magelund asked, "if the CSB's are in need of additional state funds, what is the turn-around for the CSB"s to receive funds once requested?"

*Answer:* Fitzgerald said the department has put policies and procedures in place that will instruct the CBS's how to request additional funding.

**CONCLUSIONS**

There was no action taken.

Commissioner Berry reported on the following:

- **The settlement agreement:**  
DBHDD is in the fifth year of the settlement agreement. This is the largest and most comprehensive settlement agreement in the United States. We are 97.3% in compliance and about 490 individuals have been transitioned into their own homes. In regards to developmental disabilities side, we have struggled with the transition process. The challenge for the last year and a half involved individuals who are very vulnerable and medically fragile.

We are currently under suspension and are only transitioning individuals on a case by case bases. The department needed to make some significant changes to the infrastructure. A joint filing with the Department of Justice, an independent reviewer along with the DBHDD made a decision to reengineer the department.

The Department will not meet the July 1, 2015 date of the settlement agreement.

- **Closure of state hospitals.**  
Central State Hospital will close in about 45 days. The cook building forensic unit will remain opened.
- **DBHDD Personnel Reorganization**  
The Department is going through a reorganization process to see how we can best align the positions with the right people and prevent duplication of work being done.
- **Celebrated events**  
National Association of the Deaf conference.  
Opioid Conference
- **Lawsuit**  
Gail Belton- mother of young lady that is deaf and has developmental disabilities. Progress is being made in regards to mediation. This lawsuit has behavioral health and developmental disabilities components. The department wants to accommodate those individuals who are deaf and move toward providing community based services.
- **Upcoming events**  
Georgia School of Addiction Studies conference, August 25<sup>th</sup> in Savannah  
The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network Conference, August 19<sup>th</sup> in St. Simons Island

**CONCLUSION**

There was no action taken.

**TRANSITION CARE WORK GROUP UPDATE**

**DR. TERRI TIMBERLAKE, DIRECTOR  
DBHDD ADULT MENTAL HEALTH**

The BHCC transition workgroup continues to meet and work in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Transition Support and Reentry. The workgroup has moved forward and has spent a great deal of time focusing on the issue of stigma barriers.

Partnering state agencies have partnered with The Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network RESPECT Institute. Speakers have been scheduled to share their stories of recovery with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Community Affairs.

**DISCUSSION**

In August, DBHDD held their annual community mental health symposium for the providers in Macon Ga. Approximately 534 people were in attendance. Jay Neal, with the Governor's Office of Transition and Re-entry facilitated a session along with six community coordinators to talk specifically about the reentry initiatives that are taking place. Erica Johnson, Monica and Harris Childers from Pardons and Parole and Katrina Polk with DJJ held a session to discuss best strategies for mental health community providers and the Department of Corrections to partner and assist individuals who are transitioning back into the community.

The Forensic Peer Mentor project has received the go ahead to move forward. They have begun a series of trainings to help DOC Community Transition Re-entry Specialist deliver the supports that an individual will need to complete their entitlement benefits application upon their release from prison. Staff are being targeted at Phillips and Lee Arrandale State Prisons.

**CONCLUSION**

There was no action taken.

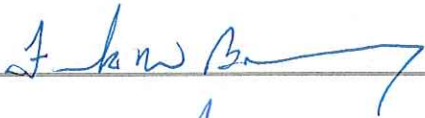

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| <b>OTHER BUSINESS</b> | <b>COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY</b>   |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b>     | <p>Commissioner Berry asked Lavin Gartland to provide an update concerning BHCC members.</p> <p>Gartland said Governor Deal will make some changes to the council. Representation from the Governor's office of Workforce Development and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement are being considered to replace departments with low participation on the council. In addition, the Governor will add a new member to the council.</p> |
| <b>CONCLUSION</b>     | There was no action taken.  |

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| <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>   | Commissioner Berry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Owens made a motion to adjourn the August 12, 2014 BHCC Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reese. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. |
| <b>SPECIAL NOTES</b> | The next scheduled meeting of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Executive Committee is November 18, 2014.  |

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

TRACY GAMBLE

**SIGNATURES**

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