

# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

APRIL 17, 2014

1:00 PM

DBHDD BOARD ROOM 24-260

| MEETING CALLED TO<br>ORDER BY     | Kimberly Ryan, Chair  |  |
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| FACILITATOR                       | Kimberly Ryan, Chair  |  |
| MINUTE TAKER                      | Stephanie McGruder  |  |
| BOARD MEMBERS<br>PRESENT          | DBHDD Commissioner Frank Berry, David Glass, Jan Ligon, Ellice P. Martin, Deirdre O'Brien, Susan Radovich and Kimberly Ryan |  |
| BOARD MEMBERS<br>TELECONFERENCING | Johnny Grant and Steve 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.

#### RECOVERY PRESENTATION

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

DISCUSSION

Ms. Ryan called on Mr. Alfred Brooks, outreach coordinator for the RESPECT Institute of Georgia, to introduce the guest speaker, Ms. Chinea Inman, a certified peer specialist and graduate of the institute. Ms. Inman delivered an inspiring presentation that incorporated her gift of singing to tell her story of survival from domestic abuse. The trauma from the abuse caused her to become severely depressed. Ms. Inman's recovery transition has now culminated in her being a certified peer specialist providing assistance to others who receive treatment for behavioral health conditions.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

Commissioner Berry gave special recognition to Major General Jim Butterworth, Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard and to Charley English, Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and Homeland Security director for their assistance to DBHDD during the 2014 snow storm.

- The Adjutant General of Georgia reports directly to the Governor and is responsible for almost 15,000 personnel at the Georgia Department of Defense, which includes the Georgia Army National Guard, the Georgia Air National Guard, the Georgia State Defense Force and over 500 State of Georgia employees.
- Charley English was appointed director of GEMA/Homeland Security in February 2006. He has served in the agency since 1996. He began his career in public service as a local police officer in 1980. He also currently serves as the president of the National Emergency Management Association, chair of the Governor's Commission on 9-1-1 Modernization and state point of contact for the FirstNet Public Safety Broadband Network. He earned a master's degree in Homeland Defense and Security from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2004 and a bachelor's degree in Public and Urban Affairs from Georgia State University in 1986.

#### DISCUSSION

| APPROVAL OF MIN<br>REGULAR MEETIN | UTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2014  KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIL   |  |
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| DISCUSSION                        | Ms. Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting of February 27, 2014. Ms. Deirdre O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Susan Radovich.  |  |
| Conclusion                        | The minutes from the February 27, 214 board meeting were unanimousl approved.   |  |
| COMMISSIONER'S                    | REPORT COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY   |  |
|                                   | Commissioner Frank Berry called on agency staff to provide updates to the board of the following:   |  |
|                                   | <ul> <li>Legislative Update         <ul> <li>Andrew Johnson, director of legislative affairs, discussed the agency legislation, SB 349, that was introduced during this session. that the bill was signed into law by Governor Deal on April 16, 2014.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |  |
|                                   | <ul> <li>ADA Settlement Update         <ul> <li>Pam Schuble, director of settlement coordination, discussed the independent reviewer's report. A complete report can be found or our website entitled "Supplemental Report of the Independent Reviewer": <a href="http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/settlement-agreement">http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/settlement-agreement</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Judy Fitzgerald, deputy commissioner, discussed the recommendations of the independent reviewer as outlined in the report entitled "Joint Filling of the Supplemental Report of the Independent Reviewer," which is also posted on the DBHDI website: <a href="http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/settlement-agreement">http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/settlement-agreement</a></li> </ul> <li>Commissioner Berry concluded his report by introducing the newly hired director of deaf services, Candice Tate, Ph.D.</li> |  |
| COMMENTS                          | No additional comments.   |  |
| CHAIR'S REPORT                    | KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR  |  |
| DISCUSSION                        | Ms. Ryan talked about the settlement agreement, having read the report and recognizing the hard work out lined for the department. She encouraged the department to continue to move forward. Ms. Ryan ended her report by thanking DBHDD.  |  |
| COMMENTS                          | No additional comments.   |  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT                    | KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR  |  |
| DISCUSSION                        | No public comments were made.   |  |
| COMMENTS                          | No additional comments.   |  |
| ADJOURNMENT                       | KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIF  |  |
| DISCUSSION                        | Ms. Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Deirdre O'Brien moved that the April 17, 2014 meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Susan Radovich. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.   |  |

SPECIAL NOTES

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

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