



# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 21, 2013

1:00 PM

GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
ATLANTA

<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, Jan H. Ligon, Ellice P. Martin, Kimberly Ryan, Jean Sumner and Steve B. 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 1:00 p.m.
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**WELCOME** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan began the October 21, 2013 meeting of the Board by thanking the staff of Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta for their work at hospital. The members of the Board were afforded the opportunity to tour the facility prior to the start of the board meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan introduced the newest Member of the Board, Dr. Jean Sumner. Dr. Sumner is an internal medicine physician practicing in Wrightsville. She is a former member and past president of the Georgia Board of Medicine and currently serves as medical director of the board. She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia and a medical degree from Mercer University. She and her husband, Joe, have two children and three grandchildren. They reside in Wrightsville.</p>
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**RECOVERY PRESENTATION** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan asked Alfred Brooks of the RESPECT Institute to introduce the guest speaker, Mr. Earl Gourdine, CPS, on behalf of Mr. Mark Baker, Director of Recovery Transformation who was not present.</p> <p>Mr. Earl Gourdine gave a riveting presentation of his life and how he struggled to gain understanding of his behavioral health and addictive disease diagnosis. He spent years in and out of treatment facilities until finally enrolling in a treatment program at Highland Rivers CSB. Mr. Gourdine attributes his success as a Certified Peer Specialist to the services he received at Highland Rivers. Mr. Gourdine is a graduate of the RESPECT Institute and now enjoys educating and empowering others to share their stories of recovery through lived experiences.</p>
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## ACTION ITEMS

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 19, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19 <sup>th</sup> regular scheduled meeting. Mr. Steve B. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny Grant.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The August 19, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with the condition to amend the minutes, to reflect Ms. Ellice P. Martin's attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 29, 2013  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 29 <sup>th</sup> special called meeting. Ms. Ellice P. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Steve B. Wilson.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The August 29 <sup>th</sup> minutes were unanimously approved with no further discussion.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
SANDRA MORRIS**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan called for a motion to approve the resolution to recognize former DBHDD Board Member Ms. Sandra Morris, for nearly four years of service and dedication. Mr. David Glass made the motion to approve the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny Grant.
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The resolution recognizing Ms. Sandra Morris was unanimously approved with no further discussion.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS OF CONVEYANCE OF  
PROPERTY AT THE WARM SPRINGS OUTDOOR  
THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM**

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) closed the Warm Springs Outdoor Wilderness Camp Program on August 31, 2013. DBHDD does not foresee any future use for the property currently referred to as Warm Springs Outdoor Wilderness Camp.</p> <p>DBHDD, in consultation with the State Properties Commissioner (SPC), believes that surplus of the Property named above is in its best interest. Once the Resolution is passed DBHDD shall maintain custody of the Property until such time as the Property is conveyed by the SPC.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to approve the resolution of conveyance of property located at the Warm Springs Outdoor Therapeutic Program as surplus. Mr. David Glass made the motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Jan H. Ligon seconded the motion.</p>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The resolution of conveyance of property located at the Warm Springs Outdoor Therapeutic Program as surplus was unanimously approved with no further discussion.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS OF CONVEYANCE OF  
PROPERTY AT GEORGIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
ATLANTA**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mr. Alan Cardin of Facilities and Risk Management presented the Statement of Facts on the resolution. The conveyance of the real property at the site of Georgia Regional Hospital at Atlanta, to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) was inadvertently omitted from an earlier resolution which conveyed the real property sites for all other state mental health hospitals.</p> <p>DBHDD requested permission from the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, through the attached Board Resolution, for the authorization, through the State Properties Commission, to take the necessary steps to accept conveyance of the Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta real property from the Georgia Building Authority.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan called for a motion to approve the resolution of conveyance of property located at Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta. Mr. Steve Wilson made the motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. Johnny Grant seconded the motion.</p>
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<b>CONCLUSION</b>	The resolution of conveyance of property located at Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta was unanimously approved with no further discussion.
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**SPECIAL NOTE** KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Kimberly Ryan addressed the Board regarding the CSU rules and regulations that were given to the members for review. The Department has received input from some judges and the Georgia Hospital Association and deemed it best that the Board revisits this business at a future meeting of the Board.
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<b>COMMENTS</b>	No comments were made at this time.
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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** COMMISSIONER FRANK BERRY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Commissioner Frank Berry began his report with a discussion regarding the department's decision to revisit the business relating to the CSUs. As we rebuild our system of care, Commissioner Frank Berry and the leadership staff has future meetings planned with judges, the Georgia Sheriff's Association, and the Georgia Hospital Association to receive input as part of our commitment to the CSUs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Gateway CSB Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ David Crews, Independent Manager, submitted a report detailing the challenges at the Gateway CSB. The report has been given to the members of the Board for review.</li> <li>○ The Department along with David Crews met with the County Commissioners of the 8 counties serviced by Gateway CSB.</li> <li>○ A new, reconstituted Board for Gateway CSB will be established.</li> <li>○ A new, permanent CEO will be hired within the next six to eight months.</li> <li>○ Current staff of nearly 400 employees.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>▪ <b>DOJ Settlement Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Department has finished its third year of the ADA Settlement Agreement.</li> <li>○ DBHDD relies on outside providers to help meet the terms and the guidelines of the settlement agreement.</li> <li>○ Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor presented DBHDD's budget to the DOJ and was thanked for being able to fully explain the complexity of the budget to meet the agreement.</li> <li>○ Commissioner Frank Berry and Deputy Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald met with Elizabeth Jones, the Federal Independent Reviewer.</li> <li>○ DBHDD has made a commitment to focus on quality transitions for individuals moving from hospital to community. As a result, numerical targets in the Settlement Agreement for DD placements were not achieved. DOJ agreed to defer the compliance rating to allow for additional work.</li> <li>○ The DOJ recognized the improvements with the BH service and commended the Department for its work towards meeting the Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Frank Berry thanked the leadership team for their hard work and dedication to reach the Settlement goals.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>▪ <b>BUDGET Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jeff Minor provided the members of the Board with a status update on the DBHDD Budget.</li> <li>○ The Board passed the budget recommendation back in September to be presented to the Governor based on the Governor's instructions.</li> <li>○ The items detailed in the budget encompass the ADA and how to transition from an institutional model of care to a community-based system of care</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jeff Minor highlighted four main points included in DBHDD's budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ADA funding for BH and DD;</li> <li>- Sustainability for the department after the ADA Settlement is over;</li> <li>- A replacement of the \$9.4 million budget cut: last year, the Department took a one-time funding base budget cut for Fiscal year 15. The Department hopes to receive a permanent restoration of that cut;</li> <li>- Building the communities outside of the ADA Settlement funding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ACT and Supported Employment Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are 22 state funded ACT providers and 12 teams that do not received state funding (Medicaid only), for a total of 34 ACT Teams</li> <li>○ The 22 teams funded by the state provided services to 1,200 consumers as of the end of September.</li> <li>○ The 12 Medicaid only teams have service 377 consumers as of the end of September</li> <li>○ The Settlement Agreement requires enrollment of 500 individuals in supported employment by the end of year 3.</li> <li>○ As of the end September the Department has 1,177 enrolled in supported employment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Clear Vision Housing Paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commissioner Frank Berry provided the update on the clear vision housing paper in the absence of Chris Gault, Assistant Commissioner for Behavioral Health.</li> <li>○ The clear vision housing paper details the vision for the Department as it relates to housing for the people we serve.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>No comments were made at this time.</p>
<p><b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> <span style="float: right;">KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR</span></p>	
<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>	<p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan again thanked Dr. Emily Risby, Medical Director for DBHDD and the entire staff of Georgia Regional Hospital Atlanta for hosting the meeting of the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan further addressed the DOJ Settlement Report. She read specific components of the report</p> <p>The Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Frank Berry, has publicly affirmed his commitment to the principles of recovery and meaningful community integration that are the bedrock of this agreement. He and his staff have worked conscientiously to implement the provisions scheduled for this year of the agreement. The Department's leadership and staff have been accessible, forthright, and responsive to the independent reviewer's many requests. The intent of the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioners, the Settlement Agreement Coordinator, and the division leadership has been recognized.</p> <p>The report states that the Department has not only met some of the requirements, but in some instances, exceeded them.</p> <p>Ms. Kimberly Ryan concluded her report by thanking DBHDD for its hard work that was recognized by the DOJ.</p>
<p><b>COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>No comments were made at this time.</p>

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Kimberly Ryan opened the floor for public comment and instructed all wishing to speak to limit their comments to three minutes.
<b>COMMENTS</b>	Mr. Kevin Henderson, Case Manager at Hope House Recovery Center in Atlanta, addressed the members of the Board. He invited all to share to the word about the services to introduce more people to the addiction treatment and recovery programs for deaf/hard of hearing men at CaringWorks Inc.—Hope House. There will be an open house held on November 8, 2013 from 12:00p.m. until 2:30p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

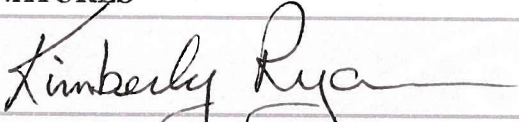

KIMBERLY RYAN, CHAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Johnny Grant moved that the October 21, 2013 meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Glass. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15p.m.
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, December 16, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY**

STEPHANIE MCGRUDER

**SIGNATURES**

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