

# Board Meeting

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental  
Disabilities

April 18, 2024



# Agenda

## Roll Call

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## Call to Order

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## Introduction to Recovery Speaker

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## Action Items

- Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024
- Eastman RYDC Acquisition Resolution

## Commissioner's Report

- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- IDD Waiver Update
- Specialized Transitional Community Residential Alternative Homes
- Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust

## Chair's Report

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## Public Comment

# Roll Call

Chelsee Nabritt

*Community Outreach Manager*

# Call to Order

David Glass

*Chair*

# Introduction of Recovery Speaker

Alexia Jones

*R2ISE Recovery*

# Action Item

- Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024
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# Commissioner's Report

Kevin Tanner  
*Commissioner*

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Chris Hamilton  
Chief Financial Officer



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# DBHDD Budget Update

## FY 2025



# Current Budget Overview –FY25

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Original budget request as approved by the DBHDD Board

- FY25: \$44,479,658

Funding in the Conference Committee Appropriations Bill

- FY25: \$154,629,751

The Department is grateful for the support it has received and continues to receive from the Governor's Office and the General Assembly.

# Budget Highlights – FY25

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Cost-of-living-adjustment for full time, benefit eligible employees

- FY25 Funding: \$27,176,955
- Includes employees in our network of CSB's

Waiver funding for individuals with IDD

- FY25 Funding: \$11,722,994
- Annualizes waiver funded in FY24 and funds 100 new waivers for FY25

Funding to fully operationalize the IDD Crisis Services & Diagnostic Center

- FY25 Funding: \$3,194,724
- Includes the outpatient clinic and true-up funding for the crisis services center

# Budget Highlights – FY25

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## Funding for 1 new BHCC

- FY25 Funding: \$9,481,532
- Will help address the needs identified in the statewide crisis bed study

## Annualized funding for 3 BHCC's

- FY25 Funding: \$6,599,785
- Annualizes facilities in Fulton County, Augusta, and Dublin

## Fully funds the IDD and BH Rate Studies

- FY25 Funding for IDD: \$79,901,675
- FY25 Funding for BH: \$26,658,091 (state funded services and state match)

# Budget Highlights – FY25

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Funds to staff and operate a forensic step-down facility (Operation New Hope)

- FY25 Funding: \$3,218,210
- Operation New Hope will be in Chatham County

Funding for a new jail-based restoration program

- FY25 Funding: \$1,993,384
- The program will be in Dodge County

Expansion of the Cobb County jail-based restoration program

- FY25 Funding: \$500,000
- This will provide for an additional 4 beds and represents a 25% capacity increase

# Conclusion & Summary

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- The funding we have received from the Governor's Office and the General Assembly goes a long way towards addressing the many critical needs faced by the Agency
- We look forward to putting these newly appropriated resources to work serving the citizens of Georgia



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Michael Polacek

Director of Legislative Affairs & Constituent Services



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## **HB 1344\* - Allows for certain officials on the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council to be represented by a delegate or agent**

- House Bill 1344 sponsored by Rep. Katie Dempsey (R –Rome), is one of two DBHDD bills and is composed of three parts:
  - BHCC appointed members are permitted to designate proxies to attend and act on their behalf at council meetings
  - Repeals two reporting requirements for IDD and children that are duplicative of existing efforts
  - The bill empowers the Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists to waive certain experience requirements for out-of-state applicants seeking licensure in Georgia

\*Pending Governor's final signature

# SB 533\* - Jail-Based Competency Restoration Programs

- Senate Bill 533 sponsored by Sen. Brian Strickland (R –McDonough), was recommended by the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission Forensics Workgroup
- The bill clarifies in statute that DBHDD has the sole discretion of determining an appropriate treatment for competency restoration and grants the state the ability to further expand jail-based restoration programs
- DBHDD must have a mutual agreement with the local sheriff's office

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# Addiction Recovery Legislation

SB 395\* - Sen Clint Dixon (R –Gwinnett)

- Education; the possession of opioid antagonists in schools
- Includes language from HB 1035 sponsored by Rep. Sharon Cooper (R –Marietta) - Pharmacies; board regulates sale and supply of opioid antagonists through vending machines
- Includes language from HB 1170 sponsored by Rep. Lee Hawkins (R –Gainesville) - Dept. Of Public Health; require certain state government buildings, courthouses, and university buildings maintain and make accessible opioid antagonists

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# Addiction Recovery Legislation Continued

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SB 465\* - Sen. Clint Dixon (R –Gwinnett)

- Homicide; the felony offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter

HB 1073\* - Rep. Dale Washburn (R –Macon)

- Local government; zoning; repeal additional hearing and notice provisions regarding halfway houses, drug rehabilitation centers, or other facilities for treatment of drug dependency

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# Behavioral Health Legislation

## **HB 1046\* - Rep. David Clark (R –Buford)**

- Health; advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services
- Includes language from HB 1037 sponsored by Rep. Lauren Daniel (R –Locust Grove) - Creating the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant Health

## **HB 1165\* - Rep. Mesha Mainor (R –Atlanta)**

- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; replace the chairperson of the Governor's Office of Children and Families with the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)

## **SB 375\* - Sen. Brian Strickland (R –McDonough)**

- Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; add Commissioner of Veterans Service

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# Developmental Disabilities Legislation

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## **SB 384\* - Sen. Billy Hickman (R –Statesboro)**

- Public Officers and Employees; development and administration of the State of Georgia as a Model Employer (GAME) Program

\* Pending Governor's final signature

# Workforce Legislation

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## **HB 1010\* - Rep. Jan Jones (R –North Fulton)**

- Public officers and employees; increase number of hours permitted for paid parental leave

## **SB 449\* – Sen. Larry Walker III (R –Perry)**

- Certified Nursing Aid; certain military medical personnel from an examination requirement; exempt

## **SB 480\* - Sen. Mike Hodges (R –Brunswick)**

- Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce; student loan repayment for mental health and substance use professionals serving in certain capacities

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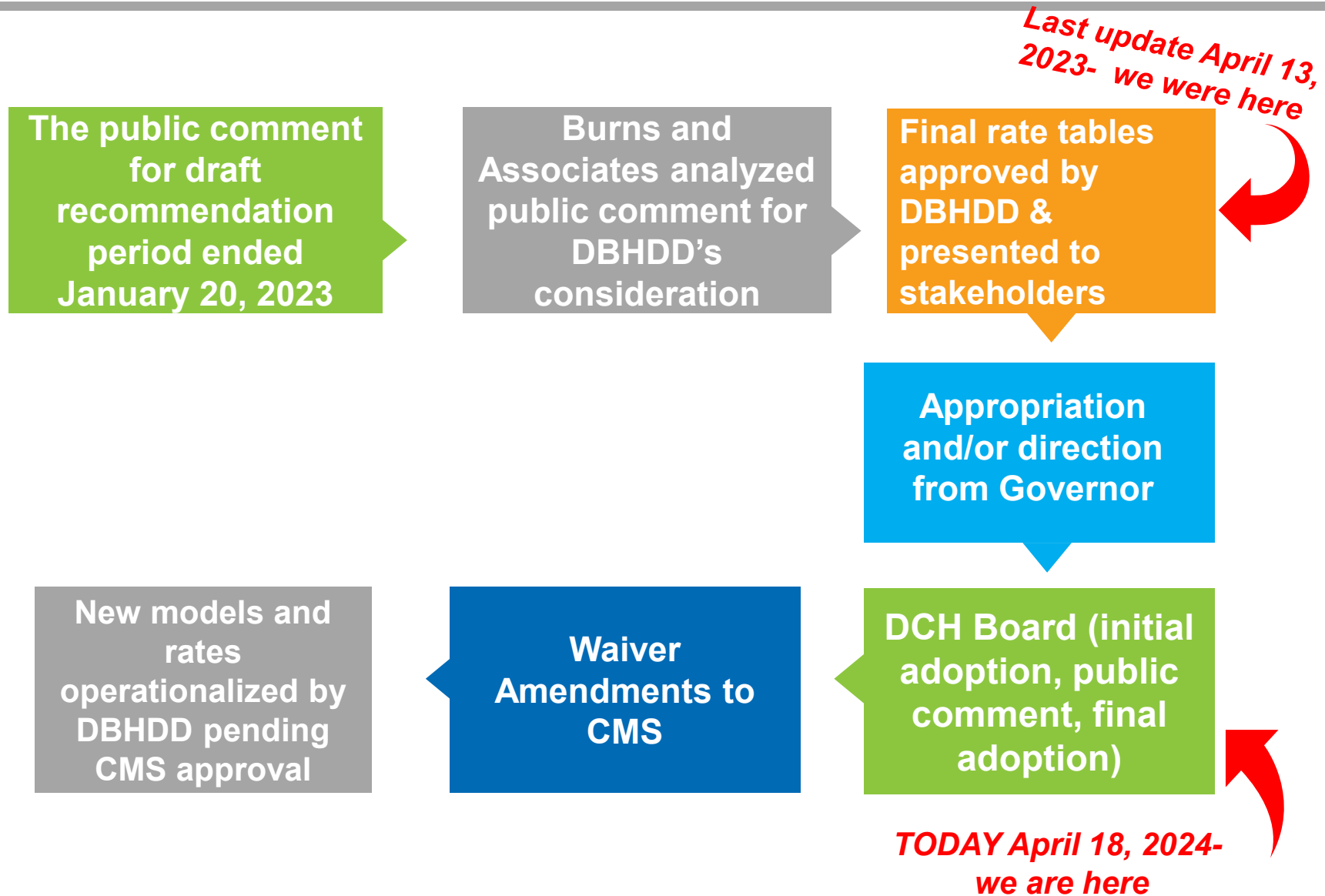
Deputy Director, Office of Medicaid Coordination & Health System Innovation

Beth Shaw

Director, Office of Crisis and Transition Services



# IDD Rate Study- NOW and COMP Waivers-Updates



# IDD Rate Study- NOW and COMP Waivers-Updates Cont.

## DCH Public Notice:

- ✓ Approved March 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 for Initial Adoption
  - Public Testimony Ends April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Final Adoption set for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Submission to CMS pending final adoption

<https://dch.georgia.gov/meetings-notice/public-notice>

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

#### COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS WAIVER PROGRAM (COMP) AMENDMENT

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Department of Community Health (DCH) Board approval, DCH proposes to amend the COMP program to enact the 2022-2023 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) rate study effective July 1, 2024.

In calendar years 2022 and 2023 DCH, in collaboration with DBHDD and the DBHDD provider network, underwent a comprehensive rate study process to establish a current cost-based, reimbursement rate across all services. The rate study met the requirements of Senate Bill 610 enacted during the 2022 session requiring a rate study be completed every four years for Home and Community Based Waiver programs. DCH proposes to amend the COMP program to adjust rates as indicated by the rate study.

#### Rate Increases:

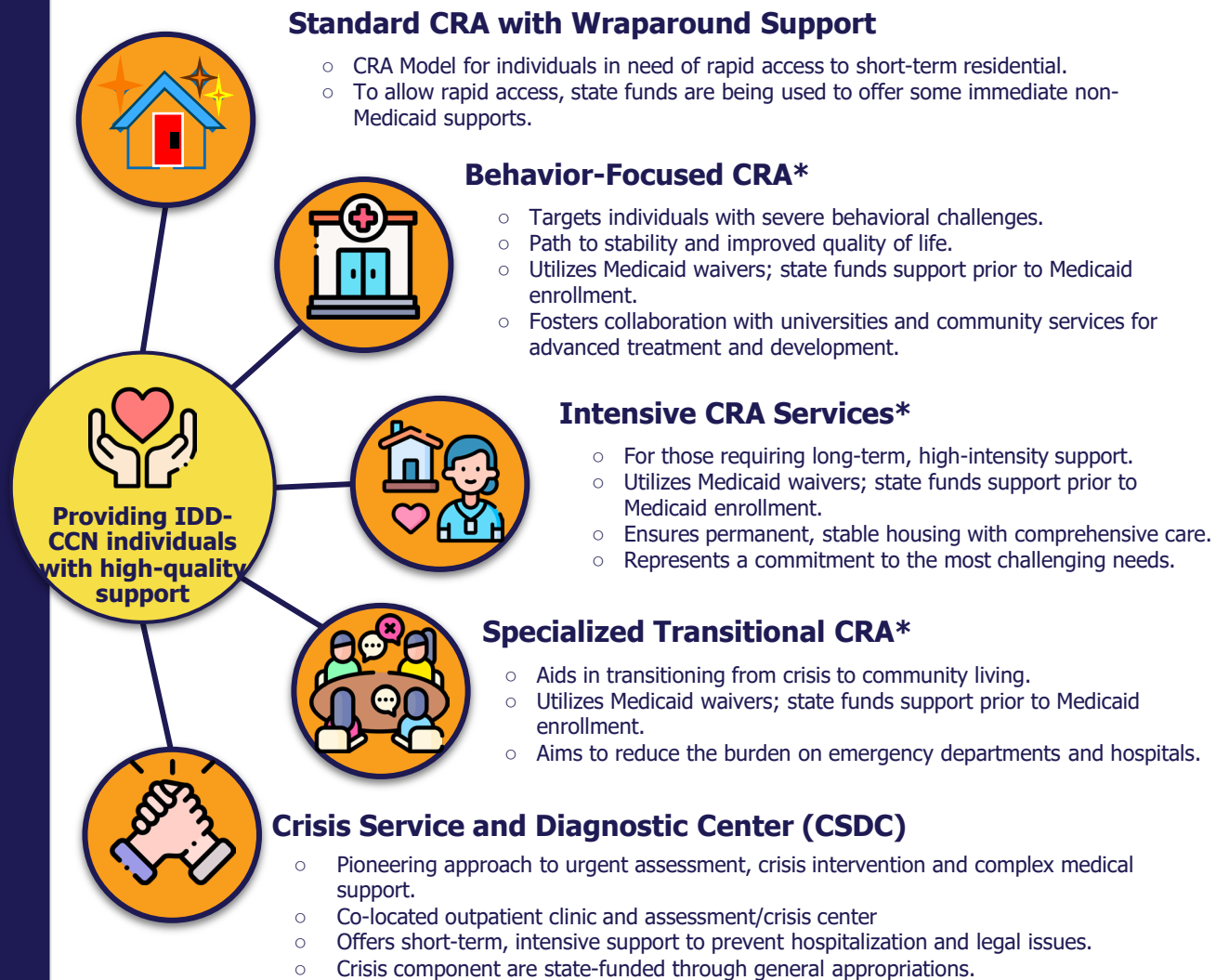
Service Name	Current Rate	Amended Rate	Service Unit	Changes to Service Limits
Support Coordination	\$187.43	\$209.97	Month	Express as 12 months per year rather than in dollar terms (no impact on service levels)
Intensive Support Coordination	\$493.73	\$515.67	Month	Express as 12 months per year rather than in dollar terms (no impact on service levels)
Financial Support Services	No rate changes			Express as 12 months per year rather than in dollar terms (no impact on service levels)
Community Living Support-Basic, 1:1	\$7.49	\$9.98	15 Min.	Increase from \$54,942.30 per year to \$83,520.00
Community Living Support-Basic, 1:2	\$4.11	\$5.49	15 Min.	
Community Living Support-Basic, 1:3	\$2.99	\$3.99	15 Min.	
Community Living Support-				

# Investing in Highest-End Need of IDD Service Continuum

Investing in the Highest-End Needs of the IDD Service Continuum

**DBHDD comprehensive strategy to support the Complex Care Need (CCN) individuals within the intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) service continuum.**

*These behavioral focused and specialized transitional settings are not intended as permanent residential placements but services that are offered to be the least restrictive environment to meet the person's needs.*



\*Pending CMS Approval

## 3 Proposed Community Residential Alternative Cont.

- ❖ **Transitional Community Residential Alternative-** Intended to provide short term placements for people being discharged from another setting, who have demonstrated significant aggression, self abuse, and/or dangerous destructive behavior.
- ❖ **Behavior Focused Community Residential Alternative-** Intended to provide short term placement for people with challenging behaviors until they respond to treatment and can be transitioned to an alternate setting
- ❖ **Intensive Community Residential Alternative-** Intended for people that are expected to be long term placement due to not being able to be supported in a less intensive setting



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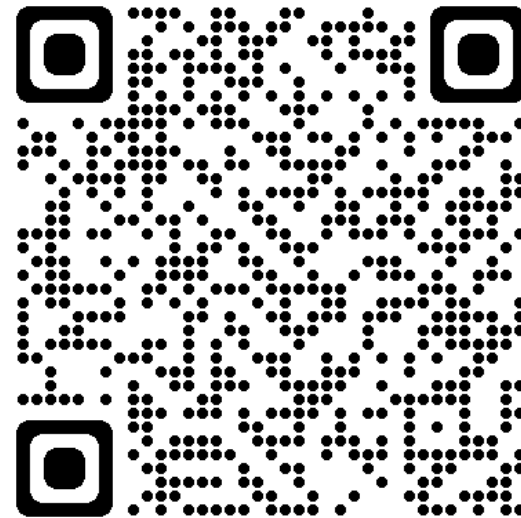
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[www.gaopioidtrust.org](http://www.gaopioidtrust.org)

Website Went Live April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Application Submission Began:  
**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**



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# Chair's Report

David Glass

*Chair*

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