

DBHDD Region 5 Advisory Council Minutes

37 Tippins St., Appling Co. Courthouse Annex, Baxley, GA – February 26, 2018

1:30 PM

Region Five Advisory Council Members Present: Karen Tharpe (Appling Co.); Cynthia Lewis (Atkinson Co.); Bonnie Napier (Bacon Co.); Wendy Sims (Bryan Co.); Bill Ross (Candler Co.); Willie Williams (Charlton Co.); Etta Lee (Clinch Co.); Harry Cohen (Coffee Co.); Dana Brown (Dodge Co.); Lucy Powell (Effingham Co.); Art McKay (Glynn Co.-1); Krystal Middleton (Long Co.); Dave Wallace, (Montgomery Co.); Linda Banks (Tattall Co.); Taimie Hoffman (Wheeler Co.); Norris Hall (Wilcox Co.).

Absent (Excused): Jerry Sapp (Bleckley Co.); Dale Ferguson (Camden Co.); Richard Oliver (Chatham Co.-2); David Wicker (Glynn Co.-2); Everett Cordy (Johnson Co.); Kathy Simmons (Pulaski Co.).

Absent: Christa Belle (Brantley Co.); Virgilene McDonald (Telfair Co.); Heather Hooks (Treutlen Co); Ed Cady (Ware Co.); Angie Jones (Wayne Co.).

Guests/Provider Agency/Staff: Jose' Lopez, Region 5 BH RSA; Kevin Rodgers, Unison BH; Juanita Durham, CSB Middle Georgia; Alfonza Hall; Agnes Rustin, Administrative Assistant.

	Discussion	Responsible Party
I. Call to Order	Meeting called to order.	Wendy Sims, Chair
II. Moment of Silence	Moment of silence observed for the individuals and families we serve.	Wendy Sims, Chair
III. Welcome	Welcoming of members and visitors.	Wendy Sims, Chair
IV. Roll Call/Quorum	Roll called and quorum established.	Linda Banks, Secretary
V. Approval of Minutes/Agenda	November 2017 minutes and February 2018 agenda reviewed and approved by members. Motion to approve, Cynthia Lewis and 2 nd by Willie Williams.	Wendy Sims, Chair
VI. Membership Committee Report	Not available due to membership chair's absence.	
VII. Region 5 DBHDD Updates BH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHCC Update – The BHCC Brunswick is still up and running. There has been a delay with the Savannah BHCC due to location issues. Hopefully, a location can be selected by April 15, 2018. Memorial Hospital's new leadership has to come aboard before they can be approached by Gateway for possible use of a building or construction of a new building for the BHCC. • Region 5 has a new DD RSA, Michelle Brubaker. (Contact information is included at the end of these minutes). • DBHDD has put together a BH Advisory Council. The purpose of this council is to meet with DBHDD and discuss issues in communities so that DBHDD can provide better service. Two Region 5 CSB's were selected to serve on this Council (CSB Middle Georgia and Gateway), along with four other providers (American Work, Recovery Place, Darsey & Black & Associates and Care Partners of Georgia). Current plans are to meet quarterly. • May is Mental Health Awareness Month. DBHDD is looking for ways to increase mental health awareness. • Region 5 Advisory Council membership orientation to be scheduled for members who have not had orientation. • Janet Carter, Director of BH, with Unison is retiring. Tiffany Henderson will replace her. 	Jose' Lopez, RSA BH
VIII. Region 5 AC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are encouraged to participate in Mental Health Awareness presentations in their communities. A Mental Health Fair will be held for Bryan, Liberty & Long Counties; Savannah will have a Mental Health Symposium; CSB Middle Georgia will have an IDD Awareness Day in Dublin on March 8, 2018. • Wendy Sims asked if members are interested in mental health training. This is a 2-hour training and can be provided by CSB's at no cost. Kevin Rodgers from Unison BH explained that the mental health training teaches about signs of a mental health crisis and how to deal with an 	Wendy Sims, Chair

	individual in crisis, to recognize what they are going through and where the individual can get help. If a trainer is available, training will be planned for the March 26 council meeting.	
X. Member Concerns/Old Business	<p>Good News in Communities: Linda Banks commented that Pineland has done well with a situation that existed. Dana Brown was complimentary of APEX and sources available in Dodge County schools. Bryan county was successful in obtaining a grant for telehealth services in the schools.</p> <p>Wendy Sims encouraged members to keep advocating for mental health in their counties and to get involved in the needs of others.</p> <p>Bill Ross spoke of his experience in volunteering at a Candler County School teaching social and emotional skills. He enjoyed the experience and the school was grateful.</p> <p>Willie Williams spoke of concerns in our school system and the need for accountability.</p>	Wendy Sims, Chair
X. Public Comments	None	
XI. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned with announcement of next meeting, March 26, 2018 at the Appling County Courthouse Annex, Baxley, GA.	Wendy Sims, Chair

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