

**DBHDD Region 5 Advisory Council Minutes**

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

**1:30 PM**

**Region Five Advisory Council Members Present:** Karen Tharpe (Appling Co.); Bonnie Napier (Bacon Co.); Wendy Sims (Bryan Co.); Dale Ferguson (Camden Co.); Willie Williams (Charlton Co.); Richard Oliver (Chatham Co.-2); Etta Lee (Clinch Co.); Dana Brown (Dodge Co.); Lucy Powell (Effingham Co.-1); Andrea Jones (Effingham Co.-2); Art McKay (Glynn Co.-1); David Wicker (Glynn Co.-2); Everett Cordy (Johnson Co.); Kathy Simmons (Pulaski Co.); Linda Banks (Tattnall Co.); Angie Jones (Wayne Co.); Taimie Hoffman (Wheeler Co.); Norris Hall (Wilcox Co.)

**Absent (Excused):** Cynthia Lewis (Atkinson Co.); Jerry Sapp (Bleckley Co.); Bill Ross (Candler Co.); Krystal Middleton (Long Co.)

**Absent:** Christa Belle (Brantley Co.); Harry Cohen (Coffee Co.); Chip Belgio (Liberty Co.); Dave Wallace, (Montgomery Co.); Virgilene McDonald (Telfair Co); Heather Hooks (Treutlen Co); Ed Cady (Ware Co.)

**Guests/Provider Agency/Staff:** Jose’ Lopez, Region 5 BH RSA; Michelle Brubaker, Region 5 DD RSA; Hennie Ellis, Gateway CSB; Elaine Spencer, Effingham County Family Connections, Glyn Thomas, Unison BH; Alyse Fandrich, Pineland; Alloceia Hall, BHL Mobile Crisis Services; Stephanie Dixon, BHL Mobile Crisis Services; Sarah Dunbar, Administrative Assistant.

	Discussion	Responsible Party
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order.	Wendy Sims, Chair
<b>II. Moment of Silence</b>	Moment of silence observed for the individuals and families we serve.	Wendy Sims, Chair
<b>III. Welcome</b>	Welcoming of members and visitors.	Wendy Sims, Chair
<b>IV. Roll Call/Quorum</b>	Roll called and quorum established.	Dale Ferguson, Membership Chair
<b>V. Approval of Minutes/Agenda</b>	February 2018 minutes and March 2018 agenda reviewed and approved by members.	Wendy Sims, Chair
<b>VI. Membership Committee Report</b>	New member, Andrea Jones, representing Effingham County-2 was introduced. Guests welcomed. Roll called.	Wendy Sims, Chair & Dale Ferguson, Membership chair
<b>VII. Region 5 DBHDD Updates BH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the new DD RSA for Region 5, Michelle Brubaker.</li> <li>• BHCC Update –The Savannah BHCC is still awaiting a decision by Memorial Hospital for a location decision.</li> <li>• The BH Advisory Council mentioned last month is up and running with a meeting scheduled next month in Macon. Members are encouraged to share any information with the Region 5 CSB’s that needs to be discussed at the meetings.</li> <li>• Every year the Department does a Risk Management Review of the CSB’s. There are 25 CSB’s in the State, with four being in Region 5. Unison was named one of the top four in the State.</li> <li>• Orientation Update – Members needing orientation need to contact Agnes Rustin so a firm date can be scheduled.</li> <li>• There are two MH symposiums scheduled: 5/2/18 by Gateway in Savannah and 6/1/18 (tentative) by CSB MG in Dublin.</li> </ul>	Jose’ Lopez, RSA BH
<b>VIII. Region 5 Mobile Crisis Presentation/GCAL</b>	Mobile Crisis is a statewide service provided by DBHDD and is available 24/7/365 and is requested through GCAL. Mobile Crisis services are used to de-escalate crisis situations, relieve the immediate distress of individuals experiencing crisis situations, reduce the risk of individuals/others in a crisis situation and promotes timely access to appropriate services.	Alloceia Hall, Community Collaborator & Stephanie Dixon, Mgr. BHL
<b>IX. Region 5 AC Updates</b>	At the previous meeting, there was discussion about MH 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid training. After researching, it was determined that the only training currently available lasts 8 hours. Therefore, it will need to be done at a later date. Dr. Thomas suggested that CSB’s let the Council know when they do the MH training.	Wendy Sims, Chair
<b>X. Member Concerns/Old Business</b>	None	Wendy Sims, Chair
<b>X. Public Comments</b>	None	Wendy Sims, Chair
<b>XI. Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned with announcement of next meeting, May 21, 2018 at the Appling County Courthouse Annex, Baxley, GA.	Wendy Sims, Chair

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