

Region Two DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Summary		
The DBHDD Region Two Advisory Council met at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 14th, 2017 via teleconferences taking place at the Region 2 DBHDD Office, 3405 Mike Padgett Hwy., Bldg. 3, Room 39, the Rehabilitation Hospital Navicent Health 3351 Northside Drive Macon, GA 31210 and the Oconee Veteran's Park, 3500A Hog Mountain Road Watkinsville, GA 30677.		
Council Members Present	Lydia Aletraris, Clarke; Cheryl Carswell, Columbia; Laverne Crawford, Richmond; Jolie Daigle, Clarke; Linda Echols, Wilkes; Natalie Herrington, Burke; Lisa Jones, Columbia; Nancy McGraw, Jefferson; Elbert McQueen, Bibb; Cathy Smith-Jackson, Hancock; Vivian Stewart, Taliaferro; B.R. White, Barrow; Don Wilkes, Emanuel	
Excused Absences	Linda Foster, Jackson; Mike Greene, Jones; Debbie Harbin, Monroe; Jessica Hatcher, Bibb	
Unexcused Absences	Saundra Brown, Bibb; Nancy Dawkins, Lincoln; Amanda Ghurab, Morgan; Ann Hester, Oconee; Will Lombard, Putnam; Kelli Ogunsanya, Clarke; Penny Rauscher, Wilkinson	
Region Two Field Office / State Office Staff Present	Dawn Peel, BH RSA; Betty Dyches, Intake & Evaluation Manager; Cheryl Bellardino, Administrative Assistant	
Vacancies as of 12/14/2017		
Baldwin (1), Bibb (2), Elbert (1), Glascock (1), Greene (1), Jasper (1), Jenkins (1), Madison (1), McDuffie (1), Monroe (1), Oglethorpe (1), Richmond (4), Screven (1), Twiggs (1), Walton (2), Warren (1), Washington (1)		
<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.	Don Wilkes, Co-Chair
Guest Speaker	Ms. Tarusa Stewart from the RESPECT Institute shared her story of recovery with Regional Advisory Council members.	Tarusa Stewart Respect Institute
Approval of October 19th Meeting Minutes	The minutes from the October 19th, 2017 meeting were approved as written.	Don Wilkes
Call For Public Comments	None.	Don Wilkes
Council Member Activities	DBHDD Training was held in Jekyll Island. Don thought it was better than the training that was held last year. Elbert – Represents Region2 on Delfi project. Will have a call tomorrow to conclude our part in order for surveys to be given out.	Don Wilkes
Council Member Appointments/Resignations/ New Vacancies	William Lombard was appointed to the Regional Advisory Council on November 21 st and will represent Putnam County. Nancy Dawkins was appointed to the Regional Advisory Council on December 7th and will represent Lincoln County. Cheryl Carswell was appointed to the Regional Advisory Council on September 19th and will represent Columbia County. A potential member, Cheryl Lockett, has been identified for one of two vacancies in Walton County. An application packet has been forwarded to her for completion. Don suggested searching for your own replacement upon your term's expiration.	Cheryl Bellardino, Administrative Assistant

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<p>Region 2 Priorities Update</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Priorities Update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Relationships have been built with APS & the Office of Guardianship. Community Collaborative meetings have been taking place. In Augusta, the DA focused heavily on illegal PCH. 3 – 4 homes have been shut down. State leadership is also working closely with APS. 2) RE: SSI – The Department is working toward easier sharing of information in order to assist with quicker benefit assignment. 3) The Department of Community Affairs now has a unified computerized program that will help with the housing referral process. <p>Don asked about options when someone has resources but refuses help from agencies, i.e. APS. Dawn to link him with area director.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities Priorities Update: No update provided.</p>	<p>Dawn Peel</p>
<p>Public Forums Discussion</p>	<p>Natalie – The Burke County public forum was held at the Burke County Office Park on November 11th. Amy Stow spoke on Guardianship. Dawn Peel spoke on BH. Representatives from ResCare, AmeriGroup and other vendors presented.</p> <p>The Bibb County public forum was held at the River Edge Assembly on November 20th. The forum was pretty well attended, with 20 people in attendance. Opioid treatment options and suicide prevention were discussed.</p> <p>Amanda – Had to re-schedule her forum due to speaker issues. Venue will be Morgan County Sheriff Training Room. Medicaid spokesperson, Drug Court Speaker, Sheriff, Pastor regarding recovery, coordinating MH/DD speakers.</p> <p>Lydia Aletraris – Spoke with Cat Clayton (Manager of the Opioid Use Disorder Program at Advantage) in November at a training that Advantage put on about medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. At the training, Ms. Clayton spoke about the need for a public forum in Athens that would address the stigma associated with using medication-assisted treatment. Lydia said that she would like to be involved in organizing it. She suggested January as a possibility.</p>	
<p>BH Report</p>	<p>Dawn Peel presented the BH report.</p> <p>Training for all Region 2 RAC members is scheduled at the Region 2 Field Office on Tuesday, January 9th from 1-3 PM R2 RAC.</p>	<p>Dawn Peel, BH RSA</p>
<p>DD Report</p>	<p>Betty Dyches presented the DD report.</p>	<p>Betty Dyches, I & E Manager</p>
<p>LC Report</p>	<p>Don Wilkes presented the Leadership Council report.</p>	<p>Don Wilkes, Leadership Council Representative</p>
<p>The meeting was adjourned by Don Wilkes at 2:25 PM.</p>		