

# DBHDD Region 6 Regional Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

**Present:**

<b>Beverly Richter</b>	Dooly	<b>Jeffrey Cantor</b>	Coweta	<b>Glynda King</b>	Pike
<b>Ted Kirk</b>	Fayette	<b>Valerie West</b>	Troup	<b>Melissa Johnson</b>	Troup
<b>LaVonne Harn</b>	Houston	<b>Ryran Traylor</b>	Lamar	<b>Francis Peed</b>	Houston
<b>Celeta Cavender</b>	Carroll				

**Conference Call:**

<b>Alan Everidge</b>	Houston	<b>Cynthia Smith</b>	Muscogee	<b>Sher'Londa Walker</b>	Talbot
<b>Annie Davis</b>	Muscogee				

**Absent:**

<b>Betty Cason</b>	Carroll	<b>Cathy McGill</b>	Crisp	<b>Irene Cheyne</b>	Fayette
<b>Jan Rayfield</b>	Heard	<b>Mike Patterson</b>	Macon	<b>Marlene Rozell</b>	Meriwether
<b>Edward Barnwell</b>	Muscogee	<b>Beverly Garland</b>	Muscogee	<b>Sandra Willis</b>	Randolph
<b>Geraldine Jackson</b>	Spalding	<b>Syntel Brown</b>	Spalding	<b>Maggie McGruther</b>	Sumter
<b>Lesley McNary</b>	Taylor				

**Guest:**

<b>Pam Brooks-Crump</b>	Respect Institute Speaker	<b>Pat Strode</b>	CIT Advocate Coordinator
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**DBHDD Staff:**

<b>Michael Link</b>	Director Statewide Community Relations
<b>Natalie Prater</b>	Aging Specialist – Presenting on behalf of Valona Baldwin (DD)
<b>Ann Riley</b>	Regional Services Administrator (BH)
<b>Lawonna Parks</b>	Behavioral Health Executive Secretary/ RAC Assistant

	AGENDA ITEMS	PRESENTER(S)	DISCUSSION
	I. Call To Order	Valerie West, Chair	<p>Meeting called to order – 1:00PM</p> <p><b>A. Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ted kirk</b> – I would like to welcome everyone to the second meeting of the year. Are there any new members who were not at the last meeting? <b>Cavender</b> – Yes, I’m representing Carroll Co.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Review of January 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kirk</b> - I would like for everyone to review the minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and if so is there a motion on the floor to accept the minutes. <b>Cantor</b> – I accept <b>King</b> – I second</li> <li>• <b>Motion to Accept/ Approve:</b> Majority vote: Approved</li> </ul>
	II. Guest Presentations and Public Comments		<p><b>A. Respect Institute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam Brooks-Crump, Respect Institute Speaker (Presentation)</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Crisis Intervention Team Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pat Strode, CIT Advocate Coordinator (Presentation)</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Public Comments (3 Minutes per Comment)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
	III. Membership Updates and Actions		<p><b>A. Informational Review of the Roster</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parks</b> - Please review the roster in the packet and make sure the information pertaining to you is correct.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Membership Changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parks</b> – We have two new members, Celeta Cavender representing Carroll Co. Charlotte Smith representing Crawford Co. and Marlene Rozell reappointed for Meriwether Co. Edwina Turner was appointed for Stewart Co., however, she emailed stating she was unable to serve at this time but did not go into detail. I tried to reach out to her before I left the office, contact was not successful due to the power outage. I have also reached out to various county clerks checking on the status of the vacancy letters</li> </ul>

			<p>mailed out over the past weeks. Those who have responded indicated they have received the letters and will table those vacancies at their next meeting.</p>
	<p><b>IV. Region 6 RAC/ Field Office</b></p>		<p><b>A. 2017 Priority Process Update – RSA Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ann Riley (BH)</b> – The only update I have concerns one of the recommendations I received from this committee is inviting the Chamber of Commerce to the RCC/ CCM meetings. Everyone here is invited, Lawonna will send each of you the invite letter which focuses on the employment issues discussed in the priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Autism Study Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ted Kirk</b> – The committee has run across some unique things, we covered a few things pertaining to training. There was a demonstration and the biggest problem we have is the training site asking for a user name and password. The question is how do we retrieve those things so we may have access to the trainings? <b>Link</b> – Was there an option to create one? <b>Kirk</b> – No <b>Link</b> – That’s a question DBHDD Training University needs to answer. Has Valona contacted DBHDD concerning this matter? <b>Kirk</b> – Valona wasn’t at the meeting, so we could not address the issue with her at the time. <b>Link</b> – Have someone email her so she can reach out to those at DBHDD University and have them look into that and have her get back to you with an answer. <b>Kirk</b> – I’ll make sure I pass this info onto Irene and have her follow-up with Valona. There was some information passed out concerning some of the activities for the autistic community. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Autistic Awareness Fair will be held in Columbus. The Light It Up Blue 5k Run/ Walk is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> also in Columbus. Muscogee High School Transition Fair is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> 5p-7p also in Columbus. There is another event which will be held in Fayette, however, I do not have that information with me. <b>West</b> – Maybe we can get with Irene and make a PDF of the flyers and have someone to send those out to everyone. <b>Kirk</b> – We also received some information on new research for children with autistic diagnosis and aggression, how many children with autism has aggressive behaviors, what risk factors are associated with aggressive behaviors for children with autism, shedding light on aggression and autistic help to the</li> </ul>

families. We did not have time to really get into a lengthy discussion due to time to address the topic of aggressive behaviors. We will table that discussion at our next meeting.

**C. 2018 Priority Planning**

- **Jeffrey Cantor** – The 2018 Priority Plan, which includes the Delphi study process which we all heard about over the course of this last year. We began the planning with a committee of members from all (6) regions that held several telephone conference calls addressing each of the questions opposed to those that participated in the Delphi process end of 2017 and the beginning of January 2018, then we began the process. We decided to use (6) mini Delphi's, the Delphi process x's 6 cohorts. Each cohort was comprised of volunteers throughout Georgia and elsewhere. Irene and myself met with Michael, the intern, over a period of time and guided him through the process. As of a week ago, he has sent out round one and gave them a week or so to respond and return the Delphi questions back to him by an online survey (Monkey Program) that he created for this. The questions were put in a shell and sent to each participant who said they would do this, gave a selected date to come back, when that date occurred, we took all responses and met. As we predicted, the number of people who stood up and said they would participate, the response rate we received was 33% for each of the (6) Delphi cohort, which is not bad. Normally I would predict a 20 – 25% response rate, we got a little bit better than we expected. Round (2) is totally depended on participation from round (1) that we could not go after substitutes. For each of the (6) cohorts those who have responded in round (1) are the total number of people who will be responding in round (2). Michael has now taken all the responses from round (1) per cohort, summarize them into a group response, then round (2) the individual gets back that summarize response and their individual response to round (1). Then the question posed to them is given the response of the group do you still agree with your response or are you going to amend your response based on what everyone else has said. The responder has the chance to amend their response or go along with what everyone else has said. Michael will

			<p>then repeat this same process for round (2) gathering info from the (6) cohorts as before. So, long story short, when we meet next month, we should be able to tell you what those look like and that's where we are at this point.</p>
	<p><b>V. Reports – Field and Central Office</b></p>		<p><b>A. Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natalie Prater (DD)</b> – GPRA increasing access to individuals through Supported Employment training has occurred with Support Coordination service providers and DBHDD staff. Individuals who are on the planning List and wants to work will be referred to the GPRA by DBHDD navigators. Intake staff will make contact within (5) days after the referral has been submitted. The goal is to get individuals in stable employment, they will be referred back to DBHDD in cases where long term supports are required. DBHDD is encouraging all providers within our network who delivers Supported Employment services to enroll with GPRA to foster the seamless referral process between the (2) agencies. The DBHDD Field Offices are meeting with local GPRA representatives to further strengthen partnerships. The re-organization of the Planning List outline in previous RAC meetings has welcomed the RAC members to read the multi-year planning list strategic plan as posted on the DBHDD website: link - <a href="http://dbhdd.ga.gov">dbhdd.ga.gov</a>. As a result of the initial changes, DBHDD has made to the planning list, there is a 10% increase to service entries statewide. Family Support plans to increase the number of individuals served by increasing resources based on areas of need.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Behavioral Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ann Riley</b> – We have participated in assisting with training CIT Officers in the last month, myself and (2) other ladies from the office. We also co-lead a training with the Department of Aging with DBHDD as well as the community providers. That training took place in February, at least (60) people participated and it was a</li> </ul>

success. Region 6 & Region 4 had a meeting and training session with the Probate Judges on outpatient commitments and the process. There were (42) judges in attendance along with myself, Jennifer Dunn from Region 4 and Greg Bagley, DBHDD Attorney. We have a few upcoming trainings we have named Hospital Community Partnership: Ethics in June, Recovery in October (recovery month) & Telemedicine in November. All trainings will be held at WCGRH and CEU's are included. Each training can hold at least (50) people and the audience will be members from WCGRH, New Horizons, AmericanWork, all the providers from Region 6 will have representation. **Kirk** – Will we be able to attend? **Riley** – We can send you the registration link. If you register, you can attend. That is free training, however, lunch will not be provided. I'm real excited about the Recovery training. Tony Sanchez from the state office has agreed to attend and help us with that training and we are also trying to recruit someone from the Respect Institute as well.

#### C. State Office

- **Mike Link** – DBHDD of Children's Young Adults & Families has developed a Youth Respect Institute track for young people. As we heard from Pam earlier today, we have not had the same capability for our young people to go out in the community and share their story, that is new for us and I'm sure they have some dynamic individuals lined up to go out and share their recovery story which are available for community meetings, etc. To request a speaker, contact the Respect Institute which is through the Georgia Consumer Mental Health Network. Secondly, I know you all have been trying to get funding through your legislator for your number (1) priority which is for the APEX program. I just want to give you some fast facts regarding the program. For the new members, the APEX program is a school based program that gets young individuals involved in mental health services that are available. As of the end of December 2017, there were 298 programs enrolled in APEX. There were (3268) children served in the APEX program, of those (3268), (65%) were referrals from school counselors. Counselors, parents and social workers accounted for (85%) of the

			<p>referrals. (73%) of those services were provided in school, (22%) of those services were referred to public providers and (3%) of those services were provided in the homes. It looks like we're going to get some money to increase the number of APEX programs around the state. So now you know a little more about the services that has impacted the program, however the final budget has not been signed but there are monies appropriated in the Governor's budget. I also wanted to inform you that DBHDD has hired Josie Baker as the (DD) Crisis Coordinator. This is a new position for the division of (DD) and she will serve as a liaison between crisis providers and the division of (DD). She will also work with individuals and their support teams to address specific needs and help identify supports and services. Lastly, our Regional Advisory Annual Training is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Augusta. I want to Thank Ted and Glynda for their participation in the development of the training. It's a (2) day training, on the first day, you will have the opportunity to be involved with other (DD) providers and we will co-join with the (DD) Learning Collaborative. On day two, it's more geared for RAC specifically. There will be workshops and a breakout session for new member's orientation. I'm giving you this info early, registration should open around May 1<sup>st</sup>. An email, with the registration link, will be sent to all of you to register. There is a deadline to register so pay close attention to that. In the past, we have had two separate trainings and that is our intentions as well this year. The location/ date of the second training has yet to be confirmed but is in the works. So, if you don't get a chance to attend the first training, there is an opportunity for you to catch the next one. <b>Harn</b> – Could you send Lawonna a "Save the Date" reminder of the training because the month is so short and we'll forget. <b>Link</b> – We may not be able to do that this time because of timing but we have in the past. The department is trying to save money by co-locating with another event so we want have to spend a secondary amount for the RAC training.</p>
	<p><b>VI. Other Business</b></p>		<p><b>A. School District Transition Fairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table for next meeting (Irene Cheyne)</li> </ul>

			<p><b>B. Electronic RAC Manual</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ted Kirk</b> – I will email Valona about providing us a link to the manual. I was able to retrieve the provider’s manual but not the RAC manual. <b>Link</b> – I thought during our last RAC Training someone said something to that nature of sending something out. <b>Kirk</b> – That was Joy Robinson, however, we have yet to receive anything. I will email Dr. Robinson on that and see about getting that because we are going to do a presentation and we need some info about the manual.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>VII. Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Valerie West, Chair</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>A. Meeting Adjourn</b></p> <p><b>B. Next scheduled meeting</b> – May 9, 2018 - Upson Co. Senior Center</p>

*RAC minutes prepared by Lawonna Parks*