

Report from the Commissioner's Office

DBHDD Board Meeting

- ▶ System Transformation: Moving from Institutional-based system of care to a community-based system of care

- ▶ Three strategic time-sensitive priorities:
 - 1.) Region 4: Building the Community Infrastructure and Closing SWSH (by 12/31/13)

 - 2.) Updates on Department of Justice
 - Recent visit by DOJ, Independent Reviewer and expert consultants
 - 45 Day suspension of transitions for individuals with DD

 - 3.) Closure of the Craig Nursing Home (by 12/31/13)



Region 4: Community Building and Closure of SWSH

▶ Rationale:

1. Serving people closer to home in community settings
2. Cannot simultaneously build institutions and communities
3. Once individuals with DD move to the community, cannot maintain the facility to support the reduced census

➤ Pathways for 4 populations served at hospital

▶ Community investment: \$17.5 million Settlement dollars

- Three Behavioral Health Crisis Centers open before closure (Valdosta, Thomasville, Albany).
- Intensive Case Mgt Teams, ACT teams, mobile crisis, CST
- 78 Crisis Beds, 18 Temporary Observation beds

▶ Multiple approaches for hospital employees

Update on Department of Justice

- ▶ Visit 5/23/13 from DOJ
 - Very positive reports regarding BH Settlement services: ACT, Supported Employment and Housing
 - Concerns about the quality of placements in community
- Implementation of 45 Day Suspension of Transitions
 - Develop Special Quality review teams in each region
 - Training and technical assistance from Elizabeth Jones, Independent reviewer
 - Review of 79 individuals plus 40 with Transition plans, as well as at-risk population
 - Can we plan, monitor, correct and assure quality



Closure of the Craig Nursing Home

- ▶ On track for scheduled closure: 12/31/13 - Administrator Dan Howell – Comprehensive closure plan regarding clients, employees, facilities
- ▶ Individuals to be transitioned
 - DD (47)
 - BH (61)
 - Cooperative work with other agencies (DCH, DHS)
- ▶ Update from COO Jeff Minor and Board Chair Kim Ryan regarding visit to CSH on June 12, 2013

