

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 21st, 2019

| Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm on Thursday, March 21, 2019, by Melinda Morgan-Carson, Chairperson for the Region 3 Advisory Council. | | |
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| Welcome/ Introductions | Ms. Morgan-Carson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed Council Members, staff from Region 3, and community residents. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. | | |
| Attendees | <p>Council Members Present: Melinda Morgan-Carson, Chair; Lynne Anderson, Secretary; Janice Scott; Urmil Tracy Marshall</p> <p>Excused Absence: Barbara Avila-Crawford; Evelyn Cunningham</p> <p>Conference Call: Dianna Williams; Jodie Chambers; Brenda A. Roberts</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Gwen Craddieth, Regional Services Administrator, for Behavioral Health Services; Daphne Rosalis, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council</p> | | |
| Approve Minutes | The Chair, Melinda Morgan-Carson, asked for a motion to approve the January 19, 2019, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Janice Scott and Dianna Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. | | |
| AGENDA | AGENDA ITEM(S) | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
| Old Business | Statewide Leadership Council | Melinda Morgan-Carson asked Lynne Anderson to provide a report from the SWLC meeting on January 25, 2019. Ms. Anderson stated that all the business of the SWLC was totally focused on the RAC Questionnaires. Each region now has a copy of the online English version and the online Spanish version that can be sent out to persons in their counties to request them to complete the survey. | The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, March 22nd, 2019, in Macon, Georgia, at Rivers Edge Community Service Board. |
| | Community Forums | The members of the Region 3 Advisory Council will hold a forum in Newton County on Saturday, March 23 rd , 2019. The location for the forum is at the Strive Clubhouse. The forum will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Allen Morgan, Director of Field Operations for the Division of Developmental Disabilities at DBHDD, will provide an overview of DBHDD. Gwen Craddieth and Daphne Rosalis, RSAs for Region 3, will provide information about services for their respective areas. Copies of the RAC questionnaire will be available for community residents to fill out. They will also receive information about the online versions. | The forum in Newton County will be held on Saturday, March 23 rd , 2019. Flyers regarding the forum have been distributed. |

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| Old Business (continued) | Region 3 RAC Questionnaires | Melinda Morgan-Carson provided an update for the number of completed surveys by each county in Region 3. The update information is as follows: Clayton County has completed 99 surveys out of 150; DeKalb County has completed 245 surveys out of 400; Fulton County has completed 363 surveys out of 525; Gwinnett County has completed 148 out of 475; Rockdale County has completed 50 surveys out of 50; and Newton County has completed 75 surveys out of 75. Some members have surveys and wanted to know how to turn them in. Lynne Anderson stated that the Intern, Zenawit Narae, who worked with the DELPHI Group of the SWLC, will pick up the surveys. She provided her contact information for members. | The total number of completed questionnaires needed for Region 3 is 1675 by the deadline of April 15, 2019. Estimated number for completed surveys as of March 21 st is 980. |
| New Business | County Reports | Melinda Morgan-Carson reported that Southern Regional Hospital in Clayton County was bought by Prime Health. There are plans to have a Geriatric Unit and there are plans to do a Behavioral Health Unit. In addition, Jodie Chambers, toured the Unit and met the new Director, Carolyn McEkron Bragg. Ms. Morgan-Carson also reported that a Clayton County School Board member, Dr. Anderson, is pushing for a 1% SPLOST tax for the Clayton County School System. In the discussion that followed, there were some questions about APEX funding for schools in Clayton County. Gwen Craddieth provided the number of schools with the APEX program in the Region 3 area. Clayton has 3, Dekalb has 2, Atlanta Public Schools has 11, Fulton has 7 and Gwinnett has 4. Gwen also announced that an additional 8.4 million dollars were approved by Governor Kemp to expand the APEX program. The RFP will be out July, 2020. | No action is required by the Region 3 Advisory Council members. |
| | Report from Opioid Conference | Region 3 Advisory Council member, Urmil Tracy Marshall, attended a two-day DBHDD conference. Attorney General Chris Carr was involved in the conference. He chairs the Governor’s Task Force which Tracy is a member of as well. Atty. General Carr has issued lawsuits against 15 to 20 manufacturers of opioids as have other states. Opioids are made to have the effect of “mother’s arms”. A successful approach to treatment has been the MAT (medication assistance treatment) program. Georgia will receive an additional four million dollars for the MAT program. The federal government will be adding more dollars to the national effort. | No action is required by the Region 3 Advisory Council members. |

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| | Termination Request for an Advisory Council Member | <p>Ruth Coody presented the name of Region 3 Advisory Council member, Shelbie Wheeler, Gwinnett County, seeking termination of her representation in accordance with the Regional Advisory Council bylaws dated September, 2016. Ms. Wheeler has not attended a Region 3 Advisory Council meeting, completed the required paperwork, nor ever communicated since her appointment by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners. The motion to terminate Ms. Wheeler was made by Melinda Morgan-Carson, Lynne Anderson seconded the motion, and the Council members voted unanimously to approve the motion.</p> | <p>The request to terminate Ms. Shelbie Wheeler in accordance with the RAC bylaws was unanimously approved. Ruth Coody will notify Gwinnett County of the termination.</p> |
| New Business (continued) | RSA Reports | <p>Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health, reported that GCAL has an app that can be used to contact the Georgia Crisis and Access Line. This should be especially beneficial for adolescents and young adults. Behavioral Health services are already seeing an increase in requests for services.</p> <p>She also announced the Safe America workshop will held on March 23 in Region 1. This workshop is for middle school and high school students. It will focus on driving and texting, what to do if police pull you over, and there will be a driving course to experience what you do if you have an accident and what happens if the “jaws of life” have to be used. The System of Care for Children’s Mental Health will be June 26-28 at the Evergreen Marriott in Stone Mountain. The conference still needs presenters. You need to register now if you are interested in attending. The Behavioral Health Symposium will be October 2-4 at Callaway Gardens. This will provide information about services for adults. September 23-26, the Office of Prevention will do a Suicide Prevention Conference at Callaway Gardens. On July 25th, the Office of Addictive Diseases will be doing a meeting at Perimeter College from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon with the Substance Abuse Partners.</p> <p>Daphne Rosalis, RSA for Developmental Disabilities, provided a report on the DBHDD effort to move to a full range of services for the 0 to 20 year old individuals in the Autism spectrum of disorders. She provided a copy of the Power Point presentation to members. Three state agencies, Department of Public Health, Department of Community Health, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, will be the overseeing agencies.</p> | |

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| | Announcements | Jodie Chambers announced the upcoming Clayton County Health Fair that is hosted by Congressman David Scott each year. Ms. Chambers initiated the DBHDD Region 3 Advisory Council participation in the event which is usually held in August. She is seeking support to help with handing out information to participants provided by DBHDD. | |
| | Public Comments | A parent from Gwinnett County has a daughter who will be 22-years old in about three weeks and age-out of the school system. The child screams, has fits, needs help with everything, and there is no support or financial assistance from the dad. She would like her daughter placed at Annadale. The cost would be \$1265.00 monthly. | The parent was referred to the Region 3 Developmental Disabilities Services for follow-up. |
| Adjournment | The Chair, Melinda Morgan-Carson, asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm. Janice Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Lynne Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 16 th , 2019. | | |

Minutes recorded and submitted by Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant for Region 3

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