

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2020

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2020, by Melinda Morgan-Carson, Chairperson for the Region 3 Advisory Council.		
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; Shirley Davis; Urmil Tracy Marshall; Dianne Hiltman</p> <p>Excused Absence: Evelyn Cunningham; Dianna Williams; Veneesa Abram; Solomon Adewusi</p> <p>Conference Call: Sunita Joshi; Jodie Chambers</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health Services; Daphne Rosalis, RSA 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 November 21, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Melinda Morgan-Carson. Lynne Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	Lynne Anderson and Dianne Hiltman attended the meeting on November 22, 2019. Discussion centered around the success of the DD Learning Collaborative Training in December, 2019, in Savannah, along with being able to meet with members of other Regional Advisory Councils across the state and receive some training. Dianne Hiltman reported that she was provided with Orientation as a new member of the Region 3 Advisory Council during the meeting in Savannah. They also reported that the SWLC members reviewed the results of the RAC Survey again. Discussion about the Committee formed by HB 514 to look at innovation and reform of Behavioral Health Services was also a main topic. The SWLC will probably focus on collaborating with this Committee to share the results of the RAC Survey with the Committee. The SWLC sent the Survey results to the NAMI member who was selected to be on the HB 514 Committee. The SWLC will work to dovetail their work with that of the HB 514 Committee.	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, January 24th, 2020, in Macon, Georgia, at Rivers Edge Community Service Board.

	Community Forums	Melinda Morgan-Carson and Ruth Coody reviewed the logistics and the agenda for the Community Forum in DeKalb County, Saturday, January 18, 2020, at the Manuel Maloof Auditorium in Decatur, Georgia. Dianne Hiltman will bring pastries and coffee for those in attendance. The forum begins at 10:00 am and will end at noon. Free parking, a security guard, and no building fee are all being provided by the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Kathie Gannon will be in attendance. Melinda and Ruth asked all members of the Region 3 Advisory Council to be in attendance.	The Region 3 Advisory Council Community Forum will be January 18, 2020, in Dekalb County at the Maloof Auditorium in Decatur, Georgia, 30030.
	Region 3 RAC Survey Results	Melinda Morgan-Carson and Ruth Coody will look at the RAC Survey Results specific to Region 3 and present areas that the Region 3 Advisory Council may want to use for priorities.	Continue to refine priorities for the Region 3 Advisory Council based on the RAC Survey Results.
New Business	County Reports	Dianne Hiltman mentioned that the completion of renovations to Grady Hospital from the flooding is now projected for October, 2020. She also mentioned a very frustrating time with one of their sons in the Grady Emergency Room over the holidays. They spent 8 hours in the ER and then their son was transferred to a “holding cell” (a chair) for 36 hours before he could get a bed.	No action is required by the Region 3 Advisory Council members.
	RSA Reports	Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health, reported that the Department of Justice lawsuit continues. A main issue for Behavioral Health is Supported Housing. DBHDD will do a pilot with Step Up to find housing for at least 105 new referrals. 75 are currently in progress but do not yet have case management services. Two issues present barriers to getting people in supported housing and those are getting new landlords who will accept the voucher and finding personal care homes who are willing to be licensed. There are providers who do not want to pay the fees or comply with the rules to be licensed. Melinda Morgan-Carson, who works at Morehouse College, volunteered a possible resource called Westside Future Fund. She will discuss this resource with Gwen to see if they will be able to collaborate. Discussion and questions about suicide were raised. Gwen reported what resources DBHDD has to offer. A question was raised about who could develop a data base to track suicides to make sure follow-up is done. Sharing data among and between agencies regarding this area of concern does not happen.	

	RSA Reports (continued)	Daphne Rosalis, RSA for Developmental Disabilities, reported that they are a 24/7 housing and provider driven system of care and continuing to operate as they have unless the budget cuts start to impact their services which has not happened to date. Developmental Disabilities cannot really do emergency care since everything is focused on behavior.	
	Announcements	<p>--On January 30, 2020, the Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority will hold a summit regarding Teen Mental Health from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.</p> <p>--Urmil Tracy Marshall was a panelist for a discussion on Suicide Among South Asians at the Global Mall on Jimmy Carter Boulevard. The restaurant is available at no charge to non-profits. She met the two young people who developed the app, Not Okay. She provided a business card with their information to Melinda Morgan-Carson.</p> <p>--The North Fulton Mental Health Collaborative will be providing a presentation called Screenagers for the Digital Age and Electronic Devices. Focus will be coping skills.</p> <p>--There are several advocacy meetings for the state legislative session in 2020 and here are a few of those:</p> <p>--Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet on January 29, February 6, February 11, February 27, and March 11. The topics vary but the meetings will be at Central Presbyterian Church located at 201 Washington St. (across from the State Capitol) from 8:00 am to noon. The meetings will focus on information needed to advocate to the legislators in the afternoon.</p> <p>--January 28 is Addiction Recovery Awareness Day.</p> <p>--February 7 will be Mental Health Day at the Capitol.</p>	Ruth Coody will send out the dates for the advocacy events to the Region 3 Advisory Council.
	Public Comments	There were no public comments at today's meeting.	
Adjournment	The Chair, Melinda Morgan-Carson, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2019.		

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

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