

## Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm on Thursday, January 19, 2017, by Brenda Roberts, Interim Board Chair.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Brenda Roberts welcomed Council Members, community residents and staff from Region 3 and DBHDD. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.		
Attendees	<p><b>Council Members:</b> Brenda Roberts, Interim Chair; Dr. Caroline Brackette; Susan Barge; Sunita Joshi; Solomon Alexander; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Urmil “Tracy” Marshall; Tamara Rice; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard; Anthony Jackson; David Smith</p> <p><b>Excused Absence:</b> Marc Olsen; Dr. Wezyann Gayle; Barbara Avila-Crawford</p> <p><b>Conference Call:</b> Freda Hammonds; Jodie Chambers; Dr. Raushanna Johnson-Verwayne; Dianna Williams</p> <p><b>Region 3 Staff:</b> Gwen Craddieth, Regional Service Administrator for Behavioral Health; John T. McQueen, Housing Coordinator for Region 3; Kerri Bradford; Administrative Assistant for DD; Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant</p> <p><b>DBHDD Staff:</b> Michael Link, Director, Statewide Community Relations; Melissa Sperbeck, Director of Performance Improvement and Quality Management for DBHDD</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Interim Chair, Brenda Roberts, asked for a motion to approve the November 17, 2016, minutes. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as written.		
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Leadership Council	Tamara Rice is working on the presentation of the Nominal Group Technique for the March 16 <sup>th</sup> Advisory Council meeting. She is reviewing the FY 2017 Annual Plan for Region 3 and will be prepared to lead the membership through the process of setting three (3) priorities for funding services.	Next meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017, in Macon. Tamara Rice will use the Nominal Group Technique to set priorities for Region 3 at the March 16, 2017 meeting.
	Community Awareness and Education Forums	The next Region 3 forum is scheduled on Saturday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> , at the Mountain Park Activity Center in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Michael Link, Gwen Craddieth, RSA for BH, and Daphne Rosalis, RSA for DD, will do presentations for DBHDD and the Region 3 Field Office from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The DBHDD survey will be handed out at the end of the presentations to obtain feedback from participants regarding whether or not services are meeting their needs, access to services, rating satisfaction of the mobile crisis services, rating satisfaction with GCAL, and rating customer satisfaction. There is a Community panel that will begin after the DBHDD and Region 3 Forum.	Community Education and Awareness Forum scheduled for January 28, 2017, in Gwinnett County.

Old Business (continued)	Advisory Council Committees	Brenda Roberts asked Gina Jimenez Callicotte to head up a Public Relations Committee and Sheila Joyner-Pritchard to do a committee on Secondary Education. Urmil Tracy Marshall volunteered to do a committee on K-12 Education. Members discussed the need for so many committees and whether or not priorities need to be set and then establish committees. There are approximately 13 committees. Committee Chairs are not sure what activities they are to do.	Ruth Coody will send out a communication with the list of Committees and Chairs and ask for goals and objectives/strategies so the Council membership can determine what committees are needed to carry out the Council's business and priorities.
New Business	Interim Vice-Chair	Brenda Roberts asked Council members to consider appointing an Interim Vice-Chair for the next four months prior to the election of officers in May, 2017. Solomon Alexander volunteered to serve in the position but Council members asked to postpone the decision about filling the position on a temporary basis. They wanted an opportunity to see the duties of the Vice-Chair to determine if they may be interested.	Ruth Coody will send out information regarding the duties of all officers to the Council membership.
	New Bylaws and General Responsibilities of RACs (Sept. 29, 2016)	Interim Chair, Brenda Roberts, requested these two items be on today's agenda for discussion but asked to remove the items from the agenda during the meeting.	Items will be on the March 16, 2017, agenda of the Region 3 Advisory Council.
Presentation and Announcements	Georgia Collaborative/ ASO (Administrative Services Organization)	Melissa Sperbeck, Director of Quality Management and Performance Improvement for DBHDD, provided background information about the DDBHDD's decision to contract with Beacon Health Options as the ASO. David Newton and Ramona Allen with Beacon Health Options provided information about the Connect System and continuing to use Delmarva for DD services and Behavioral Health Link for BH services.	Council members will receive an electronic copy of the presentation.
	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB 768 would allow families/individuals with developmental disabilities to have a savings account (up to \$14,000) and this will not impact their benefits.</li> <li>• Mental Health Day at the State Capitol is Tuesday, January 31, 2017.</li> <li>• Information regarding Advocacy Days at the State Capitol for individuals with DD was distributed.</li> </ul>	

Public Comments	Guest 1	A resident from Newton County was present and may be interested in being appointed to the Region 3 Advisory Council. She provided her contact information. She is a provider of services but does not contract with DBHDD/Region 3 as a provider.	Ruth Coody will contact the Newton County resident about the appointment process to see if she is still interested.
	Guest 2	A resident of Gwinnett County attended the meeting with her 22 year old daughter; concerned she has been on the Short-term Waiting List for a long time and wants to know the status; said she has not received any contact in several months.	Ruth Coody checked the status of the 22 year old with Region 3 DD Field Office staff; the parent has a PLA that was assigned on 12/9/16 and made contact with the parent. Stella Tobin, Coordinator for the PLAs, will ask the PLA to contact the parent again to answer her questions about the Waiting List.
	Guest 3	Parents (Gwinnett County) have a 24 year-old Downs syndrome son; on the Short-term Waiting List; wants more Family Support Services from an additional provider.	Ruth Coody checked the status of their son with Region 3 DD staff; son is receiving Family Support from AADD (Region 3 Contract Provider); individuals can only receive this service from one provider at a time; "double dipping" is not allowed.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm on Thursday, January 19, 2017. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant.

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