

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm on Thursday, May 18, 2017, by Brenda Roberts, Interim Chair.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Roberts welcomed community residents, Council Members and staff from Region 3 and DBHDD. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.		
Attendees	<p>Council Members: Brenda A. Roberts, Interim Chair; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Urmil Tracy Marshall; Solomon Alexander; David Smith</p> <p>Conference Call: Dr. Raushanna Johnson-Verwayne; Dr. Wezyann Gayle; Sunita Joshi; Ronald Raye; Freda Hammonds</p> <p>Excused: Barbara Avila –Crawford; Susan Barge; Michael Rivera, Sr.; Dr. Caroline Brackette; Marc Olsen; Jodie Chambers</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health; Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant</p> <p>DBHDD Staff: Michael Link, Director, Statewide Community Relations</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Interim Chair, Brenda Roberts, asked for a motion to approve the March 16, 2017, minutes. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as written.		
AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Leadership Council	The Interim Chair, Ms. Roberts, reported the Leadership Council is moving forward with the priorities submitted by the six regional advisory councils. The Region 3 Advisory Council selected the top three priorities for our region during the March 16, 2017, meeting. Ms. Roberts expressed appreciation for the work done by Council member, Tamara Rice, to lead us through the Nominal Group Technique Process. The next step is for the Leadership Council to approve the top three priorities from among all the priorities selected by the six advisory councils. This will occur at the Leadership Council meeting in Macon on May 19, 2017. Ms. Roberts and the two Region 3 appointed members to the Leadership Council, Dianna Williams and Urmil Tracy Marshall, will be in attendance.	Leadership Council meeting will be held on May 19, 2017, in Macon, to select the top three priorities. The top three priorities will be presented to DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald, in June, 2017.
	Community Education Forums	Melinda Morgan-Carson was not present for today's meeting. Ms. Roberts stated that she will contact her to check the status of plans to do a community education forum in the Rockdale/Newton area.	Ms. Roberts will contact Ms. Morgan-Carson about plans to do a community education forum.
	Advisory Council Committees	Ms. Roberts announced the Region 3 Advisory Council will discontinue all the current committees. In the future, the Advisory Council will look at special projects brought to the Advisory Council and determine if there is a need for a committee.	All current Region 3 Advisory Council committees are discontinued.

New Business New Business	DBHDD Priorities	Michael Link provided a presentation on the DBHDD Strategic Priorities which will guide the Department over the next two years. The Community Service Boards (CSBs) receive 80% of DBHDD's dollars. There are not a lot of financial resources directed to services for persons with addictive diseases due to the Settlement reached with the Department of Justice six years ago. The focus of the Settlement was Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. For more services to be provided by using Telemedicine, the Department of Community Health will have to approve more services for reimbursement. A critical priority is the role of DBHDD in healthcare. Priorities are on the left side of the page and Goals are in blue on the right side of the page. Mr. Link suggested the Region 3 Advisory Council do periodic checks with our recently selected priorities and the DBHDD Strategic Priorities.	The DBHDD Strategic Priorities presentation will be sent out to all Council members. The Region 3 Advisory Council should do periodic checks between the top three priorities recently selected and the DBHDD Strategic Priorities.
	Report Form for County Commissioners	Michael Link reviewed the form developed by the Leadership Council for all Advisory Council members to use to report to their county commissioners. The forms are a means to help the county commissioners understand the roles and functions of the councils and keep them informed.	Advisory Council members are to use the form developed by the Leadership Council to provide reports to their county commissioners.
	Election of Officers/ Nominating Committee	The Interim Chair, Brenda Roberts, addressed the importance of nominating council members that will make things happen, respect each other and the position of the other officers. In accordance with RAC Bylaws, the Nominating Committee members cannot be appointed by the Chairperson so Ms. Roberts asked for volunteers. The three Council members who volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee are Freda Hammonds (DeKalb County), Solomon Alexander (Gwinnett County) and David Smith (Fulton County). Ms. Hammonds will Chair the committee. A slate will be presented at the July 20 th Advisory Council meeting.	The Nominating Committee was named and Ms. Freda Hammonds will Chair the committee.
	Roles and Responsibilities of the Advisory Council Members	The Chair reminded Council members of their duty to read and be familiar with the RAC Bylaws. The Bylaws are a working document and everyone should have an accessible copy. The Bylaws have been sent out to members on several occasions but if you do not have a copy, email Ruth Coody to request a copy.	Council Members were reminded of their duty to read and be familiar with the RAC Bylaws.

Announcements/ Presentation/ Public Comments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Link announced that DBHDD will sponsor a second Annual Training event for the RACs in late August and late September. Training will once again be held in two locations. Evergreen Marriott in Stone Mountain and Jekyll Island. A Save-the-Date announcement will be out within thirty days. • David Smith asked a question about DBHDD’s involvement in the Opioid epidemic. Michael Link announced that SAMSA (Federal Government) awarded Georgia with a two year grant as part of the 21st Century Cures Act. Georgia received 11.8 million dollars to increase access to services and expand the provider network. Gwen Craddieth will be the point person for Region 3. • Gwen Craddieth announced an event to be held in Rockdale County Wednesday, May 31st, at the Rockdale Career Center. The event called “Community Conversations on Mental Health, Hope and Recovery” is the first in a series. Gwen will send the announcement to Ruth Coody to send it out to all the Advisory Council members. • Bridgette Suttle of the RESPECT Institute of Georgia spoke to the Advisory Council about her journey to wellness in the face of adversity. • There were no Public Comments at today’s meeting. 	
Adjourn		The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The next meeting is Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 2:30 pm.	

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

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