

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2016, by Dave Lushbaugh, Board Chair.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Dave Lushbaugh welcomed community residents, Council Members and staff from Region 3 and DBHDD. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.		
Attendees	<p>Council Members: Dave Lushbaugh, Chair; Brenda A. Roberts, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Caroline Brackette; Michael Rivera, Sr.; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Urmil Tracy Marshall; Solomon Alexander; Tamara Rice; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard</p> <p>Conference Call: Dr. Raushanna Johnson-Verwayne; Dr. Wezyann Gayle; Jodie Chambers; Dianna Williams; Melinda Morgan-Carson, Secretary</p> <p>Excused: David Smith; Barbara Avila-Crawford; Anthony C. Jackson</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Daphne Rosalis, RSA for Developmental Disabilities (Conference Call); 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 Chair, Dave Lushbaugh, asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2016, minutes. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as written.		
AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Leadership Council	Michael Link reported the Bylaws for the regional advisory councils were approved and sent to Commissioner Berry and the Commissioner approved them in late September 29, 2016. The Bylaws were distributed electronically to the Region 3 Advisory Council members on October 4, 2016. Included with the new Bylaws is a new application and attestation form for potential members to a regional advisory council. Mr. Link announced the new officers for the Leadership Council. The officers are Chair, Leland Johnson from Region 6; Vice-Chair, Steve Spivey from Region 1; Secretary, Debbie Harbin from Region 2. He also discussed the Priorities Process and the upcoming training for the regional designees who will provide the leadership for their respective advisory council. Tamara Rice is the designee for Region 3.	Next meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2016, in Macon.

Old Business (continued)	Community Education Forums	A review of the Community Forums in 2016 was presented by Ruth Coody. The first Community Forum was in DeKalb County in May and six residents attended. The Community Forum in Fulton County in October focused on changes to the service delivery system for behavior health and nine residents attended. Council members discussed the location for the next Community Forum and consensus was to do one in Gwinnett County. A suggestion was made to try for the month of January, 2017, using Eventbrite as another way to publicize the Forum.	Melinda Morgan-Carson as Chair of the Community Forums and Dave Lushbaugh as Chair of the Region 3 Advisory Council will have further discussion about the logistics and inform the Council members.
	RAC Training Follow-up	All of the Council members who attended the training had positive comments. A high percentage of the statewide RAC members attended the training sessions at Stone Mountain and Savannah. Michael Link announced that an electronic manual will be available for those who could not attend the training. This will be an annual event and future trainings will be discussed in the Leadership Council.	Leadership Council will take the lead to develop future training for the RACs.
	Membership Update	A Region 3 Advisory Council member from Gwinnett County, Ms. Yaasmeen Rhett-Nyjah, will no longer be serving on the Council due to a conflict of interest. She is an employee of a Region 3 and State DBHDD contracted provider. Ms. Rhett-Nyjah was informed of the conflict and understood the action taken. Council members also agreed to terminate Mr. Inam Inamullah as a representative for Fulton County. He was appointed in March, 2016, and has missed all of the subsequent council meetings without any communication even after several communications about missing meetings.	Council members were updated on membership issues.
New Business	Meeting Time	The Chair, Dave Lushbaugh asked Council members to consider changing the starting time to morning instead of 2:30 pm. He asked for consideration of the time change based on a request from a current Council member. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to not change the starting time for the Region 3 Advisory Council meetings.	The Region 3 Advisory Council will continue to start the meetings at 2:30 pm.
	Committee Chairs	The Chair, Dave Lushbaugh, distributed copies of the current list of committee chairs and pictures of the Region 3 Advisory Council members. He reviewed the current appointments and committees.	Committees and chairs will continue their work as assigned.
	New Application and Attestation Forms	The revised Bylaws for the RACs contains a copy of the new application and attestation forms for potential members. The Chair requested all current members fill out the new forms asap and return them to Ruth Coody. The forms were sent out to members on November 1, 2016.	Current members need to fill out the forms asap and return to Ruth Coody.

New Business (continued)	Advisory Council Presentations in 2017	A listing of presentations for 2017 was distributed to Council members. Topics on the list were the ASO, GCAL, Department of Justice and DBHDD, and Constituent Services. Council members suggested adding Addictive Diseases, Inclusion, and the Priorities Process will be presented in the March 2017 meeting.	Additions to the list for presentations should be coordinated with Ruth Coody.
Public Comments	Guest 1	Nancey Horton with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies expressed appreciation for being able to attend the meetings. She would like to be a member but has a conflict of interest due to working for the Department of Community Health.	
	Guest 2	Parent (Gwinnett County is wanting a Medicaid waiver slot for her 23-year-old son who is diagnosed with a brain injury and severe mental retardation. He does not yet have Medicaid which he needs first before Region 3 can start the waiver application process.	Ruth Coody provided the parent's name and contact information to the Region staff to follow up.
	Guest 3	Parent (Fulton County) expressed concern that she sent information in June 2016 and has not heard anything about her daughter. Her daughter is 23 years old.	Ruth Coody checked with the Region 3 DD staff. The parent recently (early November) submitted the Medicaid required paperwork. Intake appointment is 11/22/16.
Adjourn		The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2016. The next meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 2:30 pm.	

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

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