

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2016, by Dave Lushbaugh, Board Chair.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Dave Lushbaugh welcomed Council Members, community residents and staff from Region 3 and DBHDD. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.		
Attendees	<p>Council Members: Dave Lushbaugh, Chair; Brenda A. Roberts, Vice-Chair; Melinda Morgan, Sec.; Dr. Caroline Brackette; Jodie Chambers; Susan Barge; Sunita Joshi; Solomon Alexander; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Urmil “Tracy” Marshall; Tamara Rice; Joseph Sanders; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard; David Smith</p> <p>Participated by Conference Call: Marc Olsen; Wezyann Gayle, M.D.; Dr. Raushanna Johnson-Verwayne; Dianna Williams; Freda Hammonds; Dr. Angelita Howard</p> <p>Excused Absence: Yaasmeen Rhett-Nyjah; Barbara Avila-Crawford</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Daphne Rosalis, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities; Stella Tobin, Coordinator for PLAs and Support Coordinators; Kerri Bradford, Administrative Assistant for Developmental Disabilities; Terrence Franklin, Housing Specialist 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 July 21, 2016, minutes. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as written.		
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Leadership Council	Dave Lushbaugh, Leadership Council Vice-Chair, provided an update. The Bylaws for the Regional Advisory Councils are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting on September 23, 2016. He announced Ms. Dianna Williams and Ms. Tracy Marshall will serve as the two alternates to the current members representing Region 3. Dave Lushbaugh, Brenda Roberts, and Melinda Morgan are the current representatives. Each region will have three votes.	Next meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2016, in Macon.
	Training for Advisory Councils	Michael Link announced the dates and locations for the training of the six regional advisory councils. The content of the training is based on survey responses provided by members of the six regional advisory councils. The first training will be October 27 and 28 at the Evergreen Marriott in Stone Mountain Park. The next training (same content) will be on November 3 and 4 at the Savannah Marriott. A link will be sent for the registration on September 26.	The registration link will be sent to Ruth Coody on September 26 th and she will distribute to the Region 3 Advisory Council members.

Old Business (continued)	Follow-up to Public Comment	Dave Lushbaugh contacted the guest who attended our meeting on July 21, 2016, to ask for help to obtain an evaluation for her son. An evaluation has been scheduled with the psychologist at the Region 3 Field Office.	No further action required.
	BH and DD sub-committees	Dave Lushbaugh, Chair of the BH sub-committee did not have any new information to report. Brenda Roberts, Chair of the DD sub-committee, reported on the NAMI meeting that she and Dianna Williams organized in Clayton County. The focus was on the CIT (Crisis Intervention Team). Approximately 25 citizens attended. Congressman David Scott's Health Fair was well attended. Region 3 Advisory Council had a booth and members handed out materials and answered questions. Jodie Chambers, Brenda, Roberts and Melinda Morgan represented the Region 3 Advisory Council.	No further action required.
	Administrative Services Organization (ASO)	David Smith agreed to look into the ASO (Georgia Collaborative) to determine the information that may be useful to the Region 3 Advisory Council. Recently, the ASO CEO, Jason Bearden, left to take another position. The Interim CEO is Mary Mastrandrea, Senior Vice President of Beacon Health Options.	David Smith will be the primary contact for the Region 3 Advisory Council.
	Telemedicine	Marc Olsen presented an overview of Telemedicine generating a lot of discussion. A distinction was made between Telemedicine and Telementalhealth. Research shows it may be more effective than face to face contacts. Most contacts are done by phone but video use is increasing. Credentialing and reimbursement are two major challenges. DBHDD receives payment from DCH (Medicaid) for 3 services using Telemedicine-Assessment, Psychological Testing and ACT. Council members are interested in pursuing this topic. Michael Link suggested the Region 3 Advisory Council recommend to DBHDD that this a priority for Region 3.	Make DBHDD aware this is a priority for Region 3 during the Priorities Planning Process.

New Business	HB 512 Eligibility Requirements	<p>Council members received a copy of Section 3 of Code Section 37-2-5. The Chair, Dave Lushbaugh, reviewed the eligibility requirements for membership on a regional advisory council. Eligibility requirements were not met by two recently appointed Fulton County citizens and they were denied membership. One citizen was a paid consultant for a Region 3 Community Service Board and the other citizen was an employee of a Region 3 contracted provider. These situations present a conflict of interest and citizens in these situations are not allowed to be members of a regional advisory council per state law.</p> <p>We also received information from DBHDD about a current member of the Region 3 Advisory Council, Joseph Sanders, who represents Fulton County. Mr. Sanders is on the Board of Directors for a contracted provider which receives money from DBHDD. This is another example of a conflict of interest per state law. Mr. Sanders received two written communications about the conflict of interest. He was also notified that this topic would be on today's agenda for our meeting. The Chairman invited Mr. Sanders to attend meetings and make Public Comment. Any citizen in Region 3 is welcomed to attend our meetings.</p>	Continue educating the Region 3 Advisory Council members when there are conflicts of interest with serving on a regional advisory Council.
	Marketing Materials	Michael Link suggested the Region 3 Advisory Council order a banner by going thru the appropriate channels to make the requisition.	Ruth Coody will get the Region 3 RSAs to order a banner.
Presentation: Fulton County Health Services		<p>Ms. LaTrina Foster, LPC, Interim Director for Fulton County Health Services, discussed the current programs and services in Fulton County, the challenges the county faces in the current way it is structured to deliver services, and the future vision for services to its citizens. In April, 2016, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted to outsource Behavioral Health Services through a third party. There will not be any changes to services for individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The county contracted with Ernst and Young as the consultant to assist in writing the Request for Proposals (RFP). The target date to announce the new contractor is March, 2017. The new contractor should already have a contract with DBHDD. Another significant change is the Director of Fulton County Health Services will be reporting to DBHDD.</p>	Ms. Foster welcomed input from the Region 3 Advisory Council Members.
Public Comments	Guest 1	Parent (Fulton County) brought her adolescent son seeking assistance to activate the approved waiver slot for her son.	She met with Vanessa Pryor and Stella Tobin to complete the paperwork required by Medicaid.

	Guest 2	Parent (Gwinnett County) of an adolescent son is receiving services but wanted more services; son is dually disabled.	Parent met with Daphne Rosalis, RSA for DD, who facilitated a referral to View Point (CSB) for an evaluation and treatment of his bi-polar disorder.
	Guest 3	Citizen spoke about lack of services in Barrow county; council members explained that Barrow County is not in Region 3 but in Region 2.	She was provided with the contact information for Region 2.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2016. The next meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 2:30 pm.		

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

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