

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm on Thursday, September 21, 2017, by Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Craddieth welcomed Council Members and staff from Region 3 and DBHDD. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. The Chair, Brenda Roberts, arrived after the introductions.		
Attendees	<p>Council Members Present: Brenda A. Roberts, Chair; Lynne Anderson; Ronald Raye; Urmil Tracy Marshall; Michael Rivera, Sr.; Solomon Alexander</p> <p>Excused Absence: Barbara Avila-Crawford; Melinda Morgan-Carson; Jodie Chambers</p> <p>Conference Call: Freda Hammonds; Marc Olsen; Dianna Williams; Dr. Raushanna Johnson-Verwayne; Dr. Caroline Brackette; Sunita Joshi; Gina Jimenez-Callicotte</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 Chair, Brenda Roberts, asked for a motion to approve the July 20, 2017, minutes. Motion made by Michael Rivera, Sr., to approve the minutes as written, motion was seconded by Freda Hammonds, and the motion was approved unanimously.		
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Leadership Council	The Priorities Process for 2018 has been the major topic of discussion. Irene Cheyne from Region 6 and Cynthia Wainscott from Region 1 will lead the effort to develop the Priorities Process. They will receive assistance from a student researcher. The Region 3 Chair, Brenda Roberts has spoken with Dr. Caroline Brackette about taking the lead for our Advisory Council. Dr. Brackette is trying to obtain clarity about the time commitment. Lynne Anderson and Gina Jimenez Callicotte volunteered their assistance.	Next meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Friday, September 22, 2017, in Macon.
	Community Education Forum	The format for the forum will be the same as the one used by DBHDD to do the forum in Gwinnett County on January 28, 2017. Format used is to begin at 11:00 am and end around 1:00 pm on a Saturday. Staff from DBHDD will do the presentations about services. Lynne Anderson, who represents Rockdale County, has been trying to find a location that will not charge for using the facility. She will continue to search for a location since the Advisory Council has no funds to pay for a facility. The issue of needing a vote by the Advisory Council to determine the location of our next forum was brought up. Solomon Alexander reminded everyone that the Region 3 Advisory Council members voted in March, 2017, to have a community forum in Rockdale County. There is no need for another vote. Ronald Raye, who represents Newton County, will begin discussions with the Newton County Board of Commissioners to host a community forum in 2018.	<p>Melinda Morgan-Carson with assistance from Lynne Anderson will continue to plan for the next community forum to be held in Rockdale County.</p> <p>Ronald Raye will schedule discussions with the Newton County Board of Commissioners to host a forum in 2018.</p>

	Regional Advisory Council Training	Michael Link talked about the cancellation of the RAC Training scheduled for Jekyll Island in September, 2017, due to damage to the island caused by the recent hurricane. DBHDD is trying to see if they can do another contract with the hotel—possibly October 23-24, 2017. If Council Members registered for the Jekyll Island training, you will need to register again as soon as it is rescheduled. Mr. Link explained that the training done in 2016 was focused on understanding the services provided by DBHDD. The second year is designed to help Council Members understand more in depth about what is needed in the role of being on a regional advisory council. Mr. Link asked for feedback from Council members who attended the 2 nd Annual RAC Training at the Evergreen Marriott in Stone Mountain, August 24-25, 2017. The feedback from participants was very positive. Participants liked the venue, and liked doing some of the training with other DBHDD staff. They particularly liked the sessions on being a volunteer, being a community advocate and the panel discussion with County Commissioners. They also liked the presentation on services to Children, Young Adults and Families.	The 2 nd Annual RAC Training for the Jekyll Island location is being rescheduled. Please watch your emails for the registration link since Council Members will have to register again to attend the training at this location.
New Business	County Reports	The Chair, Brenda Roberts, asked Council Members to report at meetings about activities in their counties related to Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. This will be a standing agenda item.	County Reports will be a standing agenda item for each meeting.
	RSA (Regional Services Administrators) Reports	Gwen Craddieth provided information about the efforts of DBHDD to provide treatment to persons seeking help for problems with opioids. Georgia received a two year federal grant and DBHDD will serve 2,030 persons in Year 1 and 3,628 persons in Year 2. There are 13 Treatment and Recovery Grantees including Grady, St. Jude’s, Southside Medical Center, etc. Providing medication is the largest expense in the grant. The grant is to assist people who are not insured or underinsured. The report for Developmental Disabilities will be given as today’s Presentation regarding changes to the DD Waiting List.	Gwen Craddieth will send a handout to all Council Members for their information about the grant. Council Members may contact Cassandra Price at DBHDD for more information. Ms. Craddieth will provide Ms. Price’s contact information to Council Members.
	Region 3 Priorities for 2017-2018	A written report was submitted to Council members by Gwen Craddieth, RSA for BH, and Daphne Rosalis, RSA for DD, concerning the DBHDD response to Priority #1 and the key strategies selected to carry out Region 3’s #1 Priority which is Community Awareness.	Ruth Coody will send out the report to all Council Members.

Presentation	Changes to the Developmental Disabled (DD) Waiting List	Stella Tobin with Region 3 presented the changes to the NOW and COMP Waiver (there is no longer a Long Term List or Short Term List), the addition of 2 Phone List Navigators assigned to Region 3 and their roles, Family Support services can be accessed before getting a waiver, the DON-R Assessment tool was discussed, the responsibilities of the 6 Planning List Team Members who are in the field to work with families and 6 Planning List Administrators who will have smaller caseloads and monitor the state services being received by families.	
Public Comments	There were no community residents in attendance wishing to make public comments.		
Adjournment	The Chair, Brenda Roberts, asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm. Solomon Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Michael Rivera, Sr., seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.		

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant

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