

## Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2017

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| Call to Order             | The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2017, by Brenda Roberts, Interim Chair.  |   |  |
| Welcome/<br>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 A. Roberts, Interim Chair; Melinda Morgan- Carson, Sec.; Susan Barge; Sunita Joshi; Solomon Alexander; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Urmil Tracy Marshall; Tamara Rice; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard; Ronald Raye; Barbara Avila-Crawford</p> <p><b>Conference Call:</b> Anthony Jackson; Dr. Raushanna Johnson-Verwayne; Dr. Wezyann Gayle; Marc Olsen; Jodie Chambers; Dianna Williams</p> <p><b>Excused Absence:</b> Dr. Caroline Brackette; David Smith; Michael Rivera, Sr.</p> <p><b>Region 3 Staff:</b> Daphne Rosalis, Regional Service Administrator for Developmental Disabilities; John T. McQueen, Housing Coordinator for Region 3; Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant</p> <p><b>DBHDD Staff:</b> Michael Link, Director, Statewide Community Relations</p> <p><b>Special Guest:</b> Lee Johnson, Chair of the Leadership Council and member of the Region 6 Advisory Council</p> |   |  |
| Approve Minutes           | The Interim Chair, Brenda Roberts, asked for a motion to approve the January 19, 2017, minutes. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as written.  |   |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM</b>        | <b>PRESENTER(S)</b>  | <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | <b>ACTION</b>  |
| New Business              | Nominal Group Technique/<br>Setting<br>Priorities for FY 2017  | Tamara, Rice, led the Region 3 Advisory Council members through the Nominal Group Technique process to set priorities for FY 2017. She was assisted by Lee Johnson, Chair of the Leadership Council and member of the Region 6 Advisory Council. Ms. Rice used the FY 2017 Annual Plan that was developed by the Region 3 Planning Board and submitted to DBHDD in late March, 2015. This was the last plan submitted to DBHDD from Regional Advisory Councils before legislation was passed in April, 2015, to change the name and functions of the local planning boards to Regional Advisory Councils. Ms. Rice used information from the plan regarding Assessment of Regional Needs and Priorities for each disability area. This information formed the basis used to select the three (3) priorities that will be presented to the Leadership Council in May, 2017. At the May 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Leadership Council, each of the six (6) Regional Advisory Councils will present their three (3) priorities and the Leadership Council will select the top three (3) priorities from the six (6) regions to present to Commissioner Fitzgerald in early June 2017. | The Region 3 Advisory Council priorities selected by the members using the Nominal Group Technique will be presented to the Leadership Council on May 19, 2017. The Leadership Council will then select three (3) priorities from the submissions of the six (6) Regional Advisory Councils to present to the DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald, in early June 2017. |

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| New Business<br>(continued) | Nominal Group<br>Technique/<br>Setting<br>Priorities for FY<br>2017<br>(continued)                          | <p>The Region 3 Advisory Council members were asked to vote in two rounds to select the three (3) top priorities. There was a tie between two priorities and another round of votes occurred to get the list to three (3). The members on the conference call also participated by sending a text message to Ms. Rice with their votes. The Region 3 Advisory Council selected their three (3) priorities to submit to the Leadership Council. The priorities are in order as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase community awareness in reference to diagnosis and treatment services.</li> <li>• Improve collaboration, communication, and education among all facets of the criminal justice system.</li> <li>• Develop more in-school counseling for all disabilities (behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases).</li> </ul> |  |
| Old Business                | Community<br>Education<br>Forums  | <p>Council members discussed the location for the next Community Education Forum. Since May, 2016, forums have been held in DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties. Prior to 2016, forums were held in Clayton, DeKalb and Gwinnett counties. Council members decided to do a forum in the Newton/Rockdale area as the next location. There is a member of the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Williams, who attended the January, 2016, forum in Gwinnett, and volunteered to locate space to hold a forum in Rockdale County. Newton and Rockdale counties are part of the service area for Viewpoint Health. Viewpoint Health is the Community Service Board (CSB) for Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale counties.</p>  | <p>Melinda Morgan-Carson will contact Commissioner Williams about a location and date. Council will try to hold the forum in May, 2017, since May is Mental Health Awareness Month but this will depend on availability of space and the DBHDD staff who moderate and/or do presentations at the forums.</p> |
| Public Comments             |   | There were no public comments.   |  |
| Adjourn                     | The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm on Thursday, March 16, 2017. The next meeting is May 18, 2017, at 2:30 pm. |  |  |

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

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