

## Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2016

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm on Thursday, July 21, 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><b>Council Members:</b> Dave Lushbaugh, Chair; Brenda A. Roberts, Vice-Chair; Melinda Morgan, Sec.; Dr. Caroline Brackette; Jodie Chambers; Susan Barge; Dianna Williams; Sunita Joshi; Solomon Alexander; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Urmil “Tracy” Marshall; Freda Hammonds; Tamara Rice; Joseph Sanders; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard</p> <p><b>Excused Absence:</b> Yaasmeen Rhett-Nyjah; David Smith; Marc Olsen; Michael Rivera, Sr.; Raushanna Johnson-Verwayne; Dr. Angelita Howard</p> <p><b>Region 3 Staff:</b> Gwen Craddieth, Regional Service Administrator for Behavioral Health; Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant</p> <p><b>DBHDD Staff:</b> Michael Link, Director, Statewide Community Relations</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Dave Lushbaugh asked for a motion to approve the May 19, 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, reported the Council continues to move the state agenda forward. The regional advisory council bylaws are still not finalized. The process to be used to report each region’s priorities to DBHDD is still a work in progress. The Leadership Council will elect their officers for FY 2017 after the six regions complete their elections.	Next meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2016, in Macon.
	Community Awareness and Education Forums	The community forums are to educate the public regarding DBHDD programs and services and solicit input from community residents. In today’s meeting, the focus was to determine the next location, date and time. Council members voted to hold the next forum in Fulton County; however, members were reminded that DBHDD, in agreement with Fulton County, provides very few services and if folks expressed concerns, there is not much council members can do. Members then voted to return to the DeKalb CSB location to do a forum on a Saturday (October 8) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm depending on availability. Melinda Morgan was asked by the members to be in charge of the forum. Marketing efforts were discussed and Ms. Morgan made it clear that all members must assist with these efforts.	Ruth Coody will contact the DeKalb CSB to determine availability.

	Training for Advisory Council Members	Michael Link announced a Training Symposium will be held in late October for the members of all six regional advisory councils. The length of the symposium will be one and one-half days. Material covered will be based on the summary of the training survey feedback completed by council members across the state. A symposium will be held in Metro Atlanta and in Savannah. Mr. Link is also working on a manual for council members. He hopes to have this completed by the end of this year.	Michael Link will provide an update in the September 15 Region 3 Advisory Council meeting.
New Business	Meeting with Fulton County	The Chair, Dave Lushbaugh, reported on the meeting with the Fulton County Chairman, John Eaves. In addition to the Chair, Dr. Caroline Brackette, Joseph Sanders, and Ruth Coody attended the meeting. He reviewed the power point presentation (members received a copy) used at the meeting. The meeting was informative for both parties and Chairman Eaves emphasized wanting to improve communication and improve the working relationship with the Region 3 Advisory Council.	A follow-up meeting will be scheduled by Fulton County.
	Administrative Services Organization (ASO)	The Chair announced that David Smith, member representing Fulton County, will be the primary contact for our advisory council with the ASO, Beacon Health. This will be a new initiative for the council. A handout listing the services provided by the ASO for the state was distributed to the members.	David Smith will be the primary contact for the Region 3 Advisory Council.
	Telemedicine	The Chair announced that Marc Olsen, member representing Fulton County, has agreed to lead a new initiative regarding Telemedicine if council members are interested in pursuing this area. Marc was not able to attend today's meeting but developed a handout that was distributed to council members to illicit interest by the members. The handout provided examples of how Telemedicine can be used to work with individuals in the community.	Marc Olsen will lead the Telemedicine initiative if the Advisory Council would like to pursue this area.
Public Comments	Guest 1	A parent (Fulton County) talked about her son who is in the autism spectrum and deaf; she had applied for additional support services twice and denied both times; she was told her son would receive an evaluation but she has not been contacted about the evaluation. She would like for the evaluation to be completed.	Gwen Craddieth, RSA for BH, volunteered to give her contact information to the new RSA for DD, Daphne Rosalis, who started at Region 3 this week.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm on Thursday, July 21, 2016. The next meeting is September 15, 2016, at 2:30 pm.		

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

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