

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm on Thursday, May 20, 2021, by Dianne Hiltman, Chairperson for the Region 3 Advisory Council. A quorum was present for today's meeting.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Hiltman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed Council Members, staff from the Region 3 Field Office and the speakers for today. This meeting was conducted by using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.		
Attendees	<p>Council Members Present: Dianne Hiltman, Chair; Lynne Anderson, Vice-Chair; Venessa Abram, Secretary; Shirley Davis; Dave Ake; Elizabeth Bolton-Harris; Dr. Monica Hooker; Meia Ballinger; Evelyn Cunningham; Sunita Joshi</p> <p>Excused Absence: Dianna Williams; Urmil Tracy Marshall; Solomon Adewusi</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Troy McQueen, Behavioral Health Services; Vivia Black , RSA for Developmental Disabilities; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council</p> <p>Speakers: Ms. Aisha Northington from the RESPECT Institute, spoke about her history of mental illness and the things that helped her overcome it. She is a Certified Peer Specialist who helps others living with mental illness. Council member, Dave Ake, introduced Dan Cortez with the Chelsea Hub (Massachusetts) who spoke at length about the multi-agency collaborative project and their efforts to identify and work with high-risk individuals to prevent them from penetrating the service system especially the penal system. The model is from Canada.</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Dianne Hiltman, asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2021, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Dave Ake and Dianne Hiltman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	The Region 3 Advisory Council Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, Lynne Anderson, Secretary, for Region 3, and Urmil Tracy Marshall, Alternate, attended the March, 2021, meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council. They are expected to attend the upcoming meeting on May 21, 2021. The other Alternate, Evelyn Cunningham, volunteered to participate if anyone is unable to attend. Ms. Hiltman reported that the March meeting focused on getting the regional priorities lined up to present to the DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald. She also announced that Urmil Tracy Marshall volunteered to be the Secretary for the Statewide Leadership Council.	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, May 21, 2021. The meeting will be a virtual meeting using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system.

Old Business (continued)	Region 3 Priorities	The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, asked for updates from the committees working on the 3 Top Priorities. Dave Ake reported on Priority #2, Prevention and Early Intervention. Venessa Abram was initially on the call for the meeting but was traveling and unable to be present at the time for the discussion on the Top Priorities. Ms. Abrams is heading up the committee for Priority #1 which is to increase Community Awareness. Ms. Hiltman reported on her contacts with staff regarding Priority #3 which is to increase the number of Certified Peer Specialists in Region 3. The Chairperson also announced that working to increase options using Telehealth should stay in all three of the Top Priorities and does not see this as overlap.	The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, asked the committee chairs to hold a meeting prior to the next meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council on July 15, 2021.
New Business	RSA Reports	Troy McQueen, staff person in Behavioral Health Services for Region 3, participated in the meeting to represent Gwen Craddieth, Regional Services Administrator for Behavioral Health. Mr. McQueen indicated that he did not have any updates to report. He was asked about the DBHDD budget for fiscal year 2022 which starts July 1, 2021. He replied that he did not know any details about the upcoming budget. He did state that he read the Top Priorities for the Region 3 Advisory Council and felt they were on target and he was impressed.	
		There was a written report from the RSA for Developmental Disabilities, Vivian Black, who was not able to attend today's meeting. The report will be attached to the May 20, 2021, minutes to keep for the record. Ruth Coody will send the report to each member of the Region 3 Advisory Council.	
	Nominating Committee	The Region 3 Advisory Council members decided not to put together a slate of officers by a Nominating Committee. The members will ask for volunteers for each officer position in the July 15, 2021, meeting.	
	Announcements/ Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Coody reported that the DeKalb County CEO has still not made any appointments to the Region 3 Advisory Council. The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, suggested asking the DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald, to contact him about appointments. • Beth Bolton-Harris asked if one of the responsibilities of the Council members is to report back to their County Commissioners. Ruth Coody responded that this has been done and a form was created by DBHDD for Council Members to report on activities of the Region 3 Advisory Council to their local boards. Ms. Coody will send the form out to the Council Members. 	

New Business (continued)	Announcements/ Questions (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dianne Hiltman announced that NAMI will do a Minority Mental Health Month program on July 17, 2021, at Milam Park in Clarkston. • Question raised about DBHDD efforts using social media and Troy McQueen responded that DBHDD uses Facebook and Twitter to put out messages to the public. 	
	Public Comments	There were no public comments at today's meeting due to the meeting being conducted using the Cisco WebEx system.	
Adjournment	The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2021.		
<p>Minutes recorded and submitted by Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant for Region 3</p> <p>Approved: _____</p>			