

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm on Thursday, May 16, 2019, by Melinda Morgan-Carson, Chairperson for the Region 3 Advisory Council.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Morgan-Carson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed Council Members, staff from Region 3, and community residents. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.		
Attendees	<p>Council Members Present: Melinda Morgan-Carson, Chair; Sunita Joshi</p> <p>Excused Absence: Jodie Chambers; Janice Scott; Lynne Anderson, Secretary</p> <p>Conference Call: Dianna Williams</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Gwen Craddieth, Regional Services Administrator, for Behavioral Health Services; Daphne Rosalis, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Melinda Morgan-Carson, could not ask for a motion to approve the March 21, 2019, minutes due to the lack of a quorum of Region 3 Advisory Council members in attendance for the meeting. The March 21, 2019, minutes will be presented along with today's (May 16, 2019) minutes at the July 18, 2019, meeting.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	Melinda Morgan-Carson stated that Lynne Anderson attended the SWLC meeting on March 22 nd , 2019; however, Ms. Anderson was not present to provide a report.	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, May 17 th , 2019, in Macon, Georgia, at Rivers Edge Community Service Board.
	Community Forums	The Region 3 Advisory Council held a community forum in Newton County on Saturday, March 23 rd , 2019. The location for the forum was the Strive Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is a place for children and their families to receive services. Allen Morgan, Director of Field Operations for the Division of Developmental Disabilities at DBHDD, Gwen Craddieth and Daphne Rosalis, Regional Services Administrators for Region 3, Melinda Morgan-Carson, Chairperson of the Region 3 Advisory Council and Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council were the only persons in attendance. There were no community residents or other Region 3 Advisory Council members in attendance.	The members of the Region 3 Advisory Council need to review the current structure for the community forums to determine if changes are needed. The Region 3 Advisory Council members also must evaluate their lack of attendance at the forums and what they need to do to support each of the community forums. This topic will be on the agenda for the July 18 th , 2019 meeting.

Old Business (continued)	Region 3 RAC Questionnaires	Melinda Morgan-Carson reported there are preliminary data available from the RAC Questionnaires but she will wait until the final data are received to provide a report to the Region 3 Advisory Council.	The Chairperson, Melinda Morgan-Carson, will share the final data with the Region 3 Advisory Council members when the report is completed.
New Business	County Reports	Melinda Morgan-Carson reported there will be a new YMCA in Clayton County. There are no available details about location at this time. The YMCA will start as a summer camp in a local church.	No action is required by the Region 3 Advisory Council members.
	Nominating Committee	Melinda Morgan-Carson discussed duties of the Nominating Committee; however, due to the lack of a quorum, volunteers for the Committee could not be voted on by the membership. During the next meeting on July 18 th , 2019, officers will be elected, two members will be elected to the Region 3 Advisory Council Executive Committee, and two alternates to the SWLC will be appointed by the Chairperson.	The Chairperson, Melinda Morgan-Carson, will contact Freda Hammonds to ask if she will help with the Nominating process.
	Termination Request for an Advisory Council Member	Ruth Coody presented two names to the Region 3 Advisory Council to determine how the members wanted to handle their terminations. Council members suggested letting Anthony Jackson rotate off when his first term ends on August 1, 2019, rather than terminating him for lack of adherence to the bylaws regarding attendance. The other Council member, Dr. Raushanna Verwayne-Johnson, will be rotated off because she did not follow-up with Fulton County to seek a second term on the Region 3 Advisory Council.	Ruth Coody will notify Anthony Jackson and Dr. Raushanna Verwayne-Johnson of their status as determined by the Region 3 Advisory Council members.
	RSA Reports	Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health, announced that DBHDD will be hiring a full-time staff person and a half-time staff person to do administrative support for the six Regional Advisory Councils. Ruth Coody will be considered for the half-time position. She is a retired state employee and is only allowed to work a certain number of hours each calendar year. A Behavioral Health Innovative Committee will be assembled to identify gaps in services and study other issues the committee identifies. The committee will be representative of all the service areas in Behavioral Health including Child and Adolescent and Addictive Diseases. The System of Care for Children's Mental Health is full. There is now a waiting list. The Behavioral Health Symposium will be at Callaway Gardens on October 2-4, 2019. Region 3 staff are	

New Business (continued)	RSA Reports (continued)	<p>behind in getting renewals done for housing vouchers so Grady, Community Friendship, and the local Community Services Boards are assisting. There are currently 850 housing vouchers for Region 3. A wellness case management check is required for all individuals using a voucher. DBHDD will no longer be using Aspire to do housing voucher renewals. DBHDD was going to change to a fee for service reimbursement structure for providers of residential services but the providers were not happy, DBHDD will not move forward with this change.</p> <p>Daphne Rosalis, RSA for Developmental Disabilities, reported on the DD Learning Collaborative held in Augusta in May, 2019. Regional Advisory Council members will be offered another opportunity to attend training in the fall at the next DD Learning Collaborative. This event will be held at the Evergreen Conference Center in Stone Mountain. The same material presented at the Augusta Collaborative will be repeated at the Evergreen Conference. DBHDD DD services will be replacing the current CIS system with new software. DD staff are waiting to hear about training for the new software. As of July 1, 2019, (State Fiscal Year 2020), DBHDD will have funding for an additional 125 waiver slots as well as continued funding for those individuals currently in waiver slots. DBHDD is trying to get more people in waiver slots more quickly. Ms. Rosalis provided an update regarding the parent from Gwinnett County who spoke at the Council meeting on March 21, 2019. DD staff are working to help her obtain funding for her daughter.</p>	
	Announcements	There were no announcements.	
	Public Comments	There were no public comments.	
Adjournment	The Chair, Melinda Morgan-Carson, adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm. She did not ask for a motion and a second since a quorum was not present. The next meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council will be Thursday, July 18 th , 2019, at 2:30 pm.		

Minutes recorded and submitted by Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant for Region 3

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