

## Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm on Thursday, January 19, 2023, by Urmil Tracy Marshall, Chairperson, for the Region 3 Advisory Council. A quorum was present for today’s meeting.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Marshall, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed Council Members, staff from the Region 3 Field Office and the speaker for today. This meeting was conducted using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.		
Attendees	<p><b>Council Members Present:</b> Urmil Tracy Marshall, Chair; Cheryl Brannon; Shirley Davis; Evelyn Phillips Cunningham; Monique McDowell; Dr. Monica Hooker; Cathy Murphy; Lynne Anderson, Secretary, Andrea Alabi; Lina Christian; Joe Grubbs; Dr. Laklieshia Izzard; Sharlene McLendon; Beth Harris; Sunita Joshi</p> <p><b>Excused Absence:</b> Dianne Hiltman; Dave Ake, Vice-Chairperson; Chad Potts; Michelle Jordan-Vidal</p> <p><b>Region 3 Staff:</b> Gwen Craddieth, RSA Behavioral Health Services for Region 3; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council, John T. McQueen; Terence Franklin; Camille Rowe; Debora Cook, Developmental Disabilities</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Winona Lawrence, GMHCN RESPECT Institute, introduced herself. She became a Certified Peer Specialist for Substance Abusers a year ago. She called her presentation The Long and Winding Road. Started drinking at age 16 and married a drug addict at 19. Started first recovery eight years later by entering a treatment center but started drinking again in about four years. Graduated from college in 2002. Diagnosed as Bi-Polar in 2009. Entered treatment at Heart Ministries in 2012 and did okay for a few years until another relapse. She has been in recovery for a year now and working as a Certified Peer Specialist is helping her with her recovery.</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Urmil Tracy Marshall, asked for a motion to approve the November 17, 2022, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Tracy Marshall and Monique McDowell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	Ms. Marshall reported on the meeting held on November 18th, 2022. During the November 18, 2022, meeting, the Statewide Leadership Council discussed the Statewide Priorities. There are still issues with making progress in staffing even with the passage of the state legislation, Mental Health Parity. The Leadership Council discussed the first 45 days of the 9-8-8 and working on the three-to-five year goals for the project. Ms. Marshall will attend the January 27th meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council. It was not clear if the other two officers, Dave Ake, Vice-Chairperson, and Lynne Anderson, Secretary, would	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, January 27, 2023. The meeting will be a virtual meeting using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system.

	Statewide Leadership Council (cont.)	be at the meeting nor was it clear about the availability of the two alternates, Dr. Laklieshia Izzard and Dianne Hiltman.	
Old Business (continued)	Region 3 Priorities	<p>The Chairperson, Urmil Tracy Marshall, asked for updates to the Top 3 Priorities. Monique McDowell chairs Priority One which is Community Awareness. Historically, the Top Priorities were intended to be a way to track the activities of DBHDD and how they were doing to further the regional priorities. The current Chairperson, Tracy Marshall, would like to see more attention on identifying ways for Region 3 to help DBHDD push the strategies forward; having Region 3 members be more of a presence in their counties to partner with DBHDD at community events to listen and talk to the counties about their concerns and needs; collaborating with DBHDD to assist with promoting community awareness (DBHDD sharing calendars with the regions about events or encourage DBHDD to attend events in the counties with members of the Advisory Council; explore ways to build on the network of influencers. The Committee for Priority 1 will meet on January 24, 2023, with the addition of Gwen Craddieth or her staff person, John McQueen. Dave Ake, Chairperson, for Priority Two (Prevention and Early Intervention) was not able to attend today's meeting due to a work conflict. His Committee met so he will report in the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council. Dianne Hiltman is the Chairperson for Priority Three (Recruit and Train Additional Certified Peer Specialists) could not be present today.</p>	This topic will be on the agenda for the March 16th, 2023, meeting.
New Business	RSA Reports	<p>Gwen Craddieth, Regional Services Administrator for Behavioral Health, announced that the DBHDD Leadership Team for Behavioral Health will have their first meeting with the new DBHDD Commissioner, Kevin Tanner, on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Grady Hospital has been nominated as the provider for the Fulton County Diversion Center rather than the jail. Grady Hospital will have a new Medical/Psychiatric Unit with 16 beds up and running within three to four months. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, John T. McQueen from the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services Section, will be speaking at the North Fulton Collaborative meeting at the Summit Counseling Center. Gwen reminded the Region 3 Advisory Council members of Mental Health Day at the State Capitol on January 31, 2023. Gwen and staff from the three Community Service Boards in Region 3 will be meeting with all of the Sheriffs in Region 3. The meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023.</p>	

New Business (continued)	RSA Reports (continued)	<p>Vivia Black, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities, was unable to attend today’s meeting due to a death in her family. Debora Cook, Intake and Evaluation Unit with the Region 3 Developmental Disabilities Services, was able to be at the meeting to provide an update. She announced that Developmental Disabilities Services is having extreme difficulty in finding staff to work with their clients. They received funding for 500 waiver slots that must be filled by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, which is the end of the state’s fiscal year. She described the two waivers-NOW waiver when an individual remains in their home with supports and the COMP waiver means an individual lives in a group home. HB 1013 (Mental Health Parity) did not include funding for Developmental Disabilities. It may help some individuals with a dual diagnosis.</p> <p>Dana McCrary, Director, Office of Recovery Transformation for DBHDD, did a power point presentation about the different types of Certified Perr Specialists that DBHDD trains and certifies to work with individuals. She will send her presentation to Ruth Coody who will distribute to the members of the Region 3 Advisory Council</p>	
	Announcements/ Public Comments	<p>Mental Health Day at the Capitol is Tuesday, January 31, 2023.</p> <p>ARAD Day at the State Capitol is Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Dr. Izzy will send the registration link to Ruth Coody to distribute to the Region 3 Advisory Council members.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The Chairperson, Urmil Tracy Marshall, adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm, after a motion by Ms. Marshall and a second to the motion by Monique McDowell, to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council will be Thursday, March 16th, 2023, at 2:30 pm.</p>		

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

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