

Region 3 DBHDD Planning Board Meeting Minutes

June 18th, 2015

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm on Thursday, June 18th, 2015 by Joseph Sanders, Board Chair.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Joseph Sanders welcomed Board Members, staff from Region 3, staff from DBHDD, and community residents. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves during the meeting.		
Attendees	<p>Board Members: Joseph Sanders, Chair; Christopher Valley; Brenda A. Roberts, Sec.; Freda Hammonds; Jean S. Logan, Vice-Chair; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard; Dave Lushbaugh; and Solomon Alexander; Excused Absence-Troy Brandon</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Lynn Copeland, Regional Coordinator; Ruth Coody, Planning Board Assistant; Gwen Craddieth, Behavioral Health Regional Service Administrator</p> <p>DBHDD Staff: Michael Link, Community Relations Director</p>		
Approve Minutes	Joseph Sanders, Board Chair, asked for a motion to approve the minutes for December 18, 2014; February 19, 2015; and April 16, 2015. A separate motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as submitted for each set of minutes.		
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Regional Coordinator's Report	Lynn Copeland	Summarized current status of DBHDD's Central Office changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Georgia Collaborative (ASO) starts operations as of July 1, 2015; start with provider enrollment; operating GCAL (24/7 crisis services); providing some compliance and reporting functions; will authorize inpatient stays and extensions in private psychiatric hospitals; eventually, the ASO will manage all inpatient stays; manage clinical PASRR; manage PRTFs (psychiatric residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents); and manage CBAY (community-based activities for youth). 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DBHDD will still do all contracting; provider performance audits will be called Quality Reviews; providers will be receiving training on all the changes. 	Board members can track key aspects of the DBHDD re-structuring on the website.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgia Collaborative website has begun. 	Ruth Coody will provide the members with the link to the Georgia Collaborative.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In FY 2016, fee-for-service language will be inserted in provider contracts; start date will be January 1, 2016; until January 1, 2016, providers will continue to bill as they currently do. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catherine Ivy is writing a transition plan for DD providers; new providers will be added but not this June; transition to Beacon Hill will occur by July 1, 2015. 	Lynn Copeland will ask Catherine Ivy to come to a meeting with Board members to discuss issues with the transition of DD providers and the state waiver re-write due to CMS by September 30 th .
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Region 3 Office will move to Georgia Regional Hospital/Atlanta as of September 8, 2015. Lynn will transition to full-time in her new position as Director of the Provider Management Network after the move to Atlanta Regional. There is a conference room at the new location for meetings. 	
Old Business	Leadership Council	The Leadership Council met in Macon for their regularly scheduled meeting on May 22, 2015. The focus of the meeting was draft bylaws presented by Michael Link, DBHDD. There were some areas of disagreement especially regarding the role(s) of the new Advisory Councils. The new legislation takes effect July 1, 2015. Irene Cheyne, current chair of the Leadership Council sent an email asking that all members of the six regional Advisory Councils provide feedback to her prior to the next meeting, which is July 24 in Macon. The meeting starts at 10:00 am and ends around 1:30 pm. Each region is allowed three voting representatives. Folks can participate in person or by conference call at the meetings.	The material from Irene Cheyne will be sent out to all members by Monday, June 22, 2015. Members are asked to respond to Irene Cheyne within two weeks of receiving the information.
	Community Forums	A question was raised about continuing community forums. Mr. Link stated that community forums are on hold until there is more clarity and agreement regarding the role(s) of the six regional Advisory Councils. There will not be an Annual Plan because the plans have not been utilized. There will be an Annual Report and DBHDD is looking at the format to provide councils some guidance about what is expected in the Annual Report.	Members will not be planning community forums until there is more agreement about the role(s) of the six regional Advisory Councils. DBHDD will be providing more information regarding the Annual Report.
New Business	Officers for FY 2016	The current officers will remain in office for another year. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have Joseph Sanders, Chair; Jean S. Logan, Vice-Chair, and Brenda Roberts, Secretary, remain in their positions another year.	FY 2016 Officers elected.

Current Membership	A list of current members was circulated with names, county, term information, and disability represented. Discussion centered on unexcused absences, terms approaching expiration, and disability area represented. Requests were made to include excused absences in the minutes and to have members identify if they are a family member, consumer, professional or interested citizen.	Letters will go out to members not attending in accordance with the bylaws and a copy will be sent to the county appointing authority. Excused absences will be added to the minutes starting with the June 18, 2015, meeting. Another list of members will be developed to include the requested areas of information.
New Legislation and Draft Bylaws	Michael Link summarized key points in the legislation and the status of the draft bylaws. DBHDD is working toward having a set of bylaws that will be the same for the six regional Advisory Councils to ensure consistency. Members expressed concern about communication systems and that the voices of local communities may not be heard over the providers or from inside DBHDD. Mr. Link stated that DBHDD wants to hear from communities. He reports to Commissioner Berry and has input. A suggestion was made to have an annual meeting between the State Leadership Council and Commissioner Berry.	Michael Link will be at the meetings of our Region 3 Advisory Council either in person or by conference call to facilitate communication between DBHDD and our local Advisory Council.
FY 2016 Meetings	Board members developed and approved meeting dates for FY 2016. A discussion regarding format of the meeting and meeting times was held. The meetings will begin at 2:30 pm in order to have time for the council to conduct business and public comments will begin at 4:00 pm.	FY 2016 meeting schedule will be sent to members. Council will have a 3 minute limit for public comments.
Leadership Council Representatives for FY 2016	The Board Chair, Joseph Sanders, and Vice-Chair, Jean S. Logan, are members of the Leadership Council by virtue of their positions with the Advisory Council. The third voting position will be represented by Brenda Roberts, Dave Lushbaugh, and Solomon Alexander. There is only one vote among this group of three and they will have to decide who will vote.	The names of the representatives will be forwarded to Irene Cheyne before July 1, 2015. The next meeting of the Leadership Council is July 24 th at 10:00 am in Macon.

Public Comments	Guest 1	Parents (Gwinnett County) ; son is 12 years old; on the Waiver list for 5 years; currently attending program at the Marcus Center at no charge; Marcus Center program lasts 12 weeks; Mother quit job to take care of her son; very aggressive and parents have bruises; have to wear protective gear on their arms; called GCAL numerous times; did not want to call 911 because of how the police may respond; local school system told them in January of this year that he cannot return to school; been at Crisis Center 2x's and Laurel Heights 4x's but parents have insurance and insurance will not pay beyond a certain point and he gets discharged; wants respite services.	<p>Actions suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked parents to write Sen. Renee Untermann. • Contact the assigned PLA and update the situation; may need another assessment. • Contact Corey Evans, a speech therapist. • Members asked the family to return to the next meeting with an update. <p>Major issue is a systems issue; waiver will not cover autism; system looks at a diagnosis and not the functioning of an individual.</p>
Announcements/ Presentation	Presentation	Ms. Michelle Ellis is the Director of Astin Home Care in Riverdale, Georgia. Families must have private funds to receive services. Program may become a non-profit. They are a Medicaid provider.	
	Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Willis recently passed away. Mr. Willis was a Certified Peer Specialist that was well-known and respected. • Annual Mental Health Consumer Conference will be held September 1-3, 2015, at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons. 	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm on Thursday, June 18, 2015. The next meeting is July 16, 2015 at 2:30 pm.		

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Ruth Coody, Planning Board Assistant

Approved: _____
Lynn Copeland, Regional Coordinator for Region 3