

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2015

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2015 by Jean Logan, Board Vice-Chair.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Jean Logan welcomed Council Members and staff from Region 3 and DBHDD. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Guest, Dianna Williams from Clayton County, is interested in being on the Advisory Council.		
Attendees	<p>Board Members: Joseph Sanders, Chair; Brenda A. Roberts, Sec.; Dave Lushbaugh; Jean S. Logan, Vice-Chair; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard; Solomon Alexander; Freda Hammonds; Barbara Avila-Crawford; Dr. Angelita Howard; Melinda Morgan</p> <p>Excused Absences: Troy Brandon; Jackie McNair</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Gwen Craddieth, Regional Service Administrator for Behavioral Health; Tiffany Galloway, List/State Service Coordinators; Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant</p> <p>DBHDD Staff: Michael Link, State Director Community Relations</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Vice-Chair, Jean Logan, asked for a motion to approve the July 16, 2015, minutes. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes with one correction. Freda Hammonds was not on the list of Council members attending July 16, 2015.		
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Leadership Council	Jean Logan reported on the draft bylaws for the regional advisory councils. She stated that DBHDD and the Leadership Council seem to have differing views of the wording in the bylaws especially in the areas of purpose and functions. Discussion followed regarding the perceived differences. Further discussion of the draft bylaws will be the main focus of the next Leadership Council meeting. DBHDD will be presenting a draft of the bylaws to seek input from the regional representatives.	Next meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2015, in Macon.
	Membership Update	An update of current members (18) was provided. Ruth Coody has been working with contacts in the County Clerks' offices in Region 3's six counties. Clayton County has added two representatives for a total of three. Our guest today, Dianna Williams, will be submitting her paperwork to be approved as another representative for Clayton County. Work continues with Fulton County to implement some recruiting strategies. In Gwinnett County, we are waiting on the reappointments of Gina Jimenez Callicotte and Solomon Alexander and a new representative, Yaasmeen Rhett-Najah. Work will also begin in DeKalb, Newton and Rockdale counties.	Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant, will continue to do letters to non-compliant members in collaboration with the County Clerk's Office. Another update will be provided at the November 19 meeting.
	Standing Committees	Brenda Roberts, Chair of the DD Committee, distributed material to all council members for their review and comment. The material reflects information in the DBHDD 2015 provider's manual, proposed standards for the Region 3 Advisory Council DD Committee, and suggested issues as a focus for the work of the committee. Dave Lushbaugh, Chair of the Behavioral Health Committee, is organizing his committee.	Updates from both committees will be on the agenda for the next Advisory Council meeting.

New Business	Logistics of New Meeting Venue	Council members discussed the pros and cons of the new Field Office for Region 3 at GRH/A. The major issue is how to allow for the public to attend to make comment/listen to the discussion in a setting that does not allow open access to attend meetings. Members discussed alternate meeting spaces for meetings starting January 21, 2016. Meeting space needs to have ample parking (including handicapped parking) and allow easy access for the public.	Secure alternate meeting space beginning with the January, 2016, meeting.
Announcements/ Presentations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Crowley, Regional Service Administrator for DD, has resigned her position to take a new job at DBHDD. • Approved minutes of the Region 3 Advisory Council will be distributed to the County Clerks' offices to disseminate to the local Commissioners. • John T. (Troy) McQueen presented an informative program on the Georgia Housing Voucher Program. John works solo without any assistance and manages 565 placements which exceeds the number required in the state's settlement with the Dept. of Justice. Troy will send forms and other information to Ruth Coody to distribute to the Advisory Council. 	
Public Comments		Dianna Williams attended today's meeting and would like to join the council as a representative from Clayton County. Ruth gave her the information and forms she will need to complete so that the information can be mailed to the Clayton County Clerk's office for processing.	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2015. The next meeting is November 19, 2015, at 2:30 pm.		

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

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