

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

July 16th, 2015

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm on Thursday, July 16th, 2015 by Joseph Sanders, Board Chair.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Joseph Sanders welcomed Council Members, staff from Region 3, and community residents. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.		
Attendees	<p>Board Members: Joseph Sanders, Chair; Brenda A. Roberts, Sec.; Dave Lushbaugh; Jean S. Logan, Vice-Chair; Sheila Joyner-Pritchard; Gina Jimenez Callicotte; Solomon Alexander; Troy Brandon; Freda Hammonds</p> <p>Excused Absences: Barbara Avila-Crawford; Jackie McNair</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Carole Crowley, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities; Tiffany Galloway, List/State Service Coordinators; Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Joseph Sanders, asked for a motion to approve the June 18, 2015, minutes. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as submitted.		
AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Draft Bylaws	Members engaged in a lengthy discussion resulting in recommendations for changes in wording to the current draft of the Bylaws. The draft Bylaws will be the main focus of discussion during the Leadership Council meeting in Macon on July 24, 2015. Recommendations for wording changes focused on Article II (Purpose), Article III (Duties and Functions), Article IV (Power and Authority of the Advisory Council), and Article V (Membership). Members requested emphasizing references to the source document (HB 512).	Jean Logan volunteered to make the recommended changes to the electronic copy by July 20, 2015. The changes will be sent to all Council members.
	Membership Update	There have been some resignations (6). The current membership stands at 21. Ruth is checking with all the county clerks to identify who has not been attending meetings in accordance with O.C.G.A. 37-1-20. Members who have three consecutive unexcused absences in a year will be terminated and their seat considered vacated. The letter will be sent to the respective county clerk's office in each of the six counties with a copy to the member.	Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant, will continue to do letters to non-compliant members in collaboration with the County Clerk's Office.

New Business	Standing Committees	The six regional Advisory Councils are required to have two standing committees. The Region 3 Advisory Council will have a standing committee for Adult, Child and Adolescent Mental Health/Addictive Diseases and Prevention. Dave Lushbaugh will chair this committee and members who volunteered to serve are: Sheila Joyner-Pritchard, Joseph Sanders, Gina Jimenez Callicotte, and Troy Brandon. The other committee is for Developmental Disabilities. Brenda Roberts will chair the committee and members who volunteered to serve are: Solomon Alexander and Jean Logan. Members also supported having a Membership Committee. Solomon Alexander will chair and Joseph Sanders volunteered to serve on the committee.	Committee Chairs and members appointed to serve on three committees for the Region 3 Advisory Council.
	Speaker Topics for FY 2016	Ruth presented a list of topics for speakers for the year. Members were agreeable with the list and suggested adding Georgia Advocacy Office (GAO). Josh Norris was the suggested speaker for GAO. Other topics were the waiver program (Catherine Ivy); housing (Troy McQueen); child and adolescent mental health services including the dually disabled (Matt Yancey); and addictive diseases (adults and adolescents).	Topics for speakers for FY 2016 approved.
Announcements/ Presentations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving day for the Region 3 office is September 11th. The office is moving to Georgia Regional Hospital/Atlanta. Leadership Council meeting is Friday, July 24, 2015, in Macon at the River Edge Behavioral Health Center. 	
Public Comments	Guest 1	Father (Gwinnett County) who attended our last meeting was present today to share the status of his son in terms of receiving services.	NOW waiver approved for his son.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm on Thursday, July 16, 2015. The next meeting is September 17, 2015, at 2:30 pm.		

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

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