

## Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm on Thursday, March 18, 2021, by Dianne Hiltman, Chairperson for the Region 3 Advisory Council.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Hiltman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed Council Members, staff from the Region 3 Field Office and today's speaker, Mr. Tony Sanchez. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and made a brief statement about why they wanted to be on the Advisory Council. This meeting was conducted by using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.		
Attendees	<p><b>Council Members Present:</b> Dianne Hiltman, Chair; Lynne Anderson, Vice-Chair; Venessa Abram, Secretary; Shirley Davis; Freda Hammonds; Janice Scott; Dave Ake; Elizabeth Bolton-Harris; Solomon Adewusi; Dr. Monica Hooker; Meia Ballinger</p> <p><b>Excused Absence:</b> Dianna Williams; Evelyn Cunningham; Nyree Williams; Urmil Tracy Marshall; Sunita Joshi</p> <p><b>Region 3 Staff:</b> Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health Services; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Tony Sanchez, Director, Office of Recovery and Transformation for DBHDD, presented an informative Power Point about the responsibilities and programs of the office he directs. One highlight of his presentation was the discussion regarding the four types of Certified Peer Specialists. A copy of his Power Point presentation was sent to each member of the Region 3 Advisory Council.</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Dianne Hiltman, asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2021, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Lynne Anderson and Solomon Adewusi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	Dianne Hiltman and Lynne Anderson plan to attend the March 26, 2021, meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council. Venessa Abram has a conflict and will not be able to attend. Tracy Marshall had a family emergency and not sure if she will be able to attend the March meeting. The Chair, Dianne Hiltman, asked Ruth Coody to contact the other alternate, Evelyn Cunningham, to see if she can attend. Dianne Hiltman, Lynne Anderson, and Tracy Marshall attended the meeting in January, 2021, via the WebEx system. Discussion at the January meeting focused on the 3 Top Priorities selected by each of the six regional advisory councils. Ms. Hiltman presented the Region 3 Advisory Council's 3 Top Priorities which are Community Awareness, Prevention and Early Intervention, and Recruit and Train Additional Certified Peer Specialists. Ms. Hiltman reported that the Statewide Leadership Council did not decide which Priorities will be presented to Commissioner Fitzgerald.	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, March 26, 2021. The meeting will be a virtual meeting using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system.

Old Business (continued)	Region 3 Priorities	<p>The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, reviewed each of the 3 Top Priorities, the Goals for each Priority, and the Key Strategies for each of the Top Priorities for the Region 3 Advisory Council. Ruth Coody reviewed some of the history of doing the Priorities starting in 2017-2018. She also discussed how the Priorities and Key Strategies were monitored with Statewide Leadership Council doing the same of monitoring for the Priorities that were selected for presentation to the DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald. She also talked about the role of the Advisory Council members as volunteers who advise and make recommendations to DBHDD. Ms. Hiltman asked for volunteers for Priority #2, which is Prevention and Early Intervention, chaired by Dave Ack. A new member from Clayton County, Dr. Monica Hooker, volunteered to join Dave Ack. No one else spoke up to volunteer to join Ms. Hiltman to work on Priority #3, which is to increase the number of Certified Peer Specialists.</p>	<p>The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, asked the committee chairs to hold a meeting prior to the next meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council on May 20, 2021.</p>
New Business	RSA Reports	<p>Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health, gave a report. DBHDD is doing a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a vendor to provide housing supports for all six regions. There will be two vendors selected for Region 3.</p>	
		<p>There was a written report from the RSA for Developmental Disabilities, Vivia Black, who was not able to attend today's meeting. The report will be attached to the March 18, 2021, minutes to keep for the record. Ruth Coody will send the report to each member of the Region 3 Advisory Council.</p>	
	Announcements & Questions	<p>Ruth Coody asked for assistance from the current representatives from DeKalb County to the Region 3 Advisory Council to contact the designated person in the County CEO's office that was to work with the Advisory Council to get appointments made. DeKalb County has six interested citizens (3 have been waiting since September, 2019) wanting to be appointed but there is no response to Ms. Coody's numerous requests nor to the interested citizens' requests. Ms. Hiltman and Ms. Hammonds will write a letter to the DeKalb County CEO asking about the appointments.</p>	

New Business (continued)	Public Comments	There were no public comments at today's meeting due to the meeting being conducted using the Cisco WebEx system.	
Adjournment	The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021.		
Minutes recorded and submitted by Ruth Coody, Advisory Council Assistant for Region 3			
Approved: _____			