

Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2022

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm on Thursday, May 19, 2022, by Dianne Hiltman, Chairperson, for the Region 3 Advisory Council. A quorum was present for today’s meeting.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Hiltman, 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>Council Members Present: Dianne Hiltman, Chair; Lynne Anderson, Vice-Chair; Cheryl Brannon; Sharlene McClendon; Dr. Laklieshia Izzard; Elizabeth Bolton-Harris; Shirley Davis; Dr. Monica Hooker; Joe Grubbs; Monique McDowell; Michelle Jordan-Vidal; Urmil Tracy Marshall</p> <p>Excused Absence: Evelyn Cunningham; Dave Ake</p> <p>Region 3 Staff: Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health Services; John McQueen, Behavioral Health Region 3; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council</p> <p>Speaker: Jessica Smith, GMHCN, introduced Michelle Beard from the RESPECT Institute as today’s guest speaker. Ms. Beard spoke about her history of mental illness. She spoke about the positive impact of the program Clubhouse Rome. She volunteers at the Clubhouse Rome every day. She stated that “I am learning to worry about my future and not my past”.</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Dianne Hiltman, asked for a motion to approve the March 17, 2022, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Lynne Anderson and Elizabeth Bolton-Harris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	Dianne Hiltman will represent Region 3 at the next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council on May 20, 2022. Ms. Hiltman reported on the meeting held on March 25, 2022. The Statewide Leadership Council mainly discussed the potential impact of the proposed HB that would give DBHDD many new dollars to possibly expand services, and maybe create new services that are not now available.	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, May 20, 2022. The meeting will be a virtual meeting using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system
	Region 3 Priorities	The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, asked for updates to the Top Priorities. She will be giving a report on the Priorities to the Statewide Leadership Council at the meeting on May 20, 2022. Monique McDowell volunteered to Chair Priority 1 (Community Awareness) since the previous Chair resigned when she rotated off the Region 3 Advisory Council. Dave Ack was not present at today’s meeting to provide an	

Old Business (continued)	Region 3 Priorities (continued)	update for Priority 2 (Prevention and Early Intervention). The Chair for Priority 3 (Recruit and Train Additional Certified Peer Specialists) asked Gwen Craddieth for the best contact person at the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network to obtain information about this Priority. Ms. Craddieth will send the contact information to Ms. Hiltman. She stated that more part-time work opportunities are available but did not have a number. She did not have any data about gaps in aftercare services after an individual attempts suicide, is hospitalized and discharged from the hospital. Georgia Medicaid coverage was approved for virtual services during the pandemic but not sure how long Medicaid coverage will continue. Georgia may have a choice to continue since there is a Federal mandate.	The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, will present an update for the Region 3 Advisory Council 's Top Priorities at the Statewide Leadership Council on May 20, 2022. Ruth Coody will review the document for the Top Priorities to check the dates for completion and make any necessary changes.
	Community Forums	Dr. Laklieshia Izzard provided a report on the activities to organize the Community Forum in Newton County on Saturday June 11, 2022, from 10:00 am to Noon. The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, encouraged the representatives for Clayton County to attend since Clayton County was selected for the site of a Community Forum in 2023.	Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health, and Vivia Black, RSA for Developmental Disabilities, will do presentations and have a Question and Answer period following each of their presentations. The Chairperson, Dianne Hiltman, will welcome the community residents and be the moderator.
New Business	Clubhouse Atlanta	Frederick Morello, Director, Clubhouse Atlanta, did a presentation that gave the history of the Clubhouse model which started in 1948 in the New York Public Library. There are currently three Clubhouses in Georgia. The sites are Dunwoody, Stone Mountain, and Rome. Some of the goals of the program for members are low suicide rates and successful employment. The program focuses on helping members become contributing members of their communities by helping them with life skills, developing employment skills to obtain jobs, and learn social skills. There are 50 members with 10 to 15 people in the Clubhouse each day. The program is seeking the Clubhouse International Accreditation. A guiding principle for the Clubhouse is "everyone has something to give".	
	RSA Reports	Gwen Craddieth, Regional Services Administrator for Behavioral Health, Gave a brief report. She stated that DBHDD is working on implementation of the legislation that provides new funding. She	

New Business (continued)	RSA Reports (continued)	<p>explained that DBHDD is looking at all the services to see which services can be enhanced or create new services.</p> <p>Vivia Black, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities, could not be present for today’s meeting due to an emergency with attempting to find a placement for an individual being discharged from the hospital.</p>	
	Election of Officers for 2022- 2023	<p>At the next meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council on July 21, 2022, there will be the annual election of officers. There are three officers to be elected—Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. There will also be two representatives appointed by the Chairperson to serve as alternates to the Statewide Leadership Council. Dianne Hiltman is completing two terms as Chairperson and will not be eligible for this position according to the Bylaws. Lynne Anderson, current Vice-Chairperson, has served as Vice-Chairperson and Secretary and eligible to be nominated for an office. Angelique Coke volunteered to be the Secretary in the fall of 2021 after the Council member in the position rotated off the Advisory Council</p>	
	Announcements/ Questions	<p>Dr. Laklieshia Izzard announced a NAMI meeting on May 23, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The event is part of NAMI’s Courageous Conversations and the focus is Access to Services for Communities of Color. Dr. Izzard will be a panelist for a virtual event on May 31, 2022, at 2:00 pm as part of a monthly series focused on Diversity and Inclusion.</p> <p>Urmil Tracy Marshall attended a SAMSA meeting about the implementation of the app for 988. The meeting focused on Best Practices regarding implementing the new system for mental health crisis calls. The state of Texas was featured as an example of Best Practices. She also attended Child Mental Day at the state Capitol which was focused on Black youth.</p>	

New Business (continued)	Announcements/ Questions	Dianne Hiltman announced events in DeKalb County. Clarkston, Georgia, in DeKalb County is one of the most diverse cities in the country with refugees and immigrants speaking 60 to 70 different languages. A coalition has been formed to focus on vaccinations and staying healthy during the pandemic. The coalition is called the Clarkston Health Equity Coalition. She announced that NAMI DeKalb Multi-Cultural Fair will be held at Milam Park in mid-July. It will include the opportunity for citizens to receive vaccinations. There will be a Zoom meeting for the Coalition for Educating Native Spanish Speaking Hispanic families. The non-profit group, Unite Us, which is a sub-group of Unite Georgia, is working on a referral software to follow clients. It can be used to help agencies follow-up to see that referrals are made and share information while respecting privacy concerns.	
	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 3:50 pm. The next meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council will be Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 2:30 pm.		

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

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