

## Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2022, by Urmil Tracy Marshall, Chairperson, for the Region 3 Advisory Council. A quorum was present for today’s meeting.		
Welcome/ Introductions	Ms. Marshall, 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><b>Council Members Present:</b> Urmil Tracy Marshall, Chair; Cheryl Brannon; Dr. Laklieshia Izzard; Shirley Davis; Sunita Joshi; Dave Ake, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Freda Hammonds; Evelyn Phillips Cunningham; Monique McDowell; Sharlene McClendon; Dr. Monica Hooker; Elizabeth Bolton-Harris; Cathy Murphy; Michelle Jordan-Vidal</p> <p><b>Excused Absence:</b> Dianne Hiltman</p> <p><b>Region 3 Staff:</b> John McQueen, Behavioral Health Services for Region 3; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Jessica Smith, GMHCN, introduced Raul Rodriguez from the RESPECT Institute as today’s guest speaker. Mr. Rodriguez spoke about his history of substance abuse, selling drugs, imprisonment, and mental illness. His main theme is “God is not done with me”. He gave credit to GCAL, the stabilization unit at View Point Health; the Atlanta Mission and Potter’s House. He has been at Potter’s House for two years and doing peer counseling.</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Urmil Tracy Marshall, asked for a motion to approve the August 4, 2022, minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Dr. Freda Hammonds and Monique McDowell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	Ms. Marshall reported the next meeting will be held on September 23, 2022. During the July 2022, meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council they mainly discussed the implementation of the 9-8-8 crisis phone system for mental health and the implementation of HB 1013 by DBHDD. The Council members were able to listen in on a meeting hosted by the DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald. Lynne Anderson, Dianne Hiltman, and Urmil Tracy Marshall attended the meeting. Council members discussed continuing to meet virtually since it promotes better attendance. Staff shortages across the BH and DD services system wide continue to be a major concern. Region 1 continues to make progress with their Priorities. The other five regions have asked them to share what they are doing.	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, September 23, 2022. The meeting will be a virtual meeting using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system.

<p>Old Business (continued)</p>	<p>Region 3 Priorities</p>	<p>The Chairperson, Urmil Tracy Marshall, asked for updates to the Top 3 Priorities. During the August 4, 2022, meeting, the Region 3 Advisory Council agreed to continue to use the Top 3 Priorities done in 2020. Monique McDowell volunteered to Chair Priority 1 (Community Awareness). Ms. McDowell made contact with Lewis Ponzo, Prevention Specialist for the DBHDD Office of Prevention. He provided a list of community awareness activities accomplished by DBHDD. Ms. McDowell will forward the list to Ruth Coody who will distribute it to Advisory Council members. The list will be kept as record with the minutes of today's meeting. Dr. Freda Hammonds, Cathy Murphy and Beth Harris volunteered to work with Ms. McDowell. Priority 2 is headed by Dave Ake. Priority 2 is Prevention and Early Intervention. Mr. Ake asked for volunteers and council members, Dr. Monica Hooker and Dr. Freda Hammonds, volunteered to work with Mr. Ake on this Priority. Dianne Hiltman is heading up Priority 3 which is Recruit and Train Additional Certified Peer Specialists. Region 3 Top 3 Priorities are different from the Statewide Leadership Council's Top Priorities as are the priorities for the other five regions. The DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald, has received a copy of the six regional advisory councils' top priorities and the statewide priorities.</p>	<p>This topic will be on the agenda for the November 17th, 2022, meeting.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>RSA Reports</p>	<p>Gwen Craddieth, Regional Services Administrator for Behavioral Health, was not able to attend today's meeting. John McQueen is a staff member of the Behavioral Health Services Unit and was in attendance for Ms. Craddieth. He reported that the Annual Behavioral Health Symposium will be October 5-7, 2022. It will be virtual. He will send the announcement to Ruth Coody who will distribute the announcement with the dates and how to register. Ms. Coody will send the information to each member of the Region 3 Advisory Council.</p>	

New Business (continued)	RSA Reports	Vivia Black, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities, was unable to be present today, Council members may remember her report from the August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, meeting with the number of crises they are experiencing of trying to get individuals moved from hospitals to other placements.	
	Announcements/ Public Comments	There were no public comments at today's meeting due to the meeting being conducted using the Cisco WebEx system. Monique McDowell announced that the next Region 3 Advisory Council Community Forum will be held in Clayton County. Dr. Monica Hooker has volunteered to help her with the event. A date and venue for the forum will start being discussed in the early part of 2023 meetings for the Region 3 Advisory Council. Chelsea Hub, which uses a multi-disciplinary approach to diverting persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system, is holding their annual conference November 14-15, 2022. Dave Ake provided the link in the chat area during our meeting.	
Adjournment	The Chairperson, Urmil Tracy Marshall, adjourned the meeting at 3:52 pm, after a motion by Ms. Marshall and a second to the motion by Dr. Freda Hammonds, to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting of the Region 3 Advisory Council will be Thursday, November 17th, 2022, at 2:30 pm.		

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

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