

## Region 3 DBHDD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm on Thursday, November 17, 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; Shirley Davis; Dave Ake, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Freda Hammonds; Evelyn Phillips Cunningham; Monique McDowell; Dr. Monica Hooker; Cathy Murphy; Lynne Anderson, Andrea Alabi; Lina Christian; Joe Grubbs</p> <p><b>Excused Absence:</b> Dianne Hiltman; Sharlene McClendon; Dr. Laklieshia Izzard</p> <p><b>Region 3 Staff:</b> Gwen Craddieth, RSA Behavioral Health Services for Region 3; Ruth Coody, Assistant to the Region 3 Advisory Council</p> <p><b>Speaker: Toyia Mather</b>, GMHCN, introduced Tabby Daniels from the RESPECT Institute as today’s guest speaker. Ms. Daniels spoke about her family history of substance abuse, selling drugs, imprisonment, and mental illness. Her main theme is “Path from then to now”. She gave credit to the CARES Program, the Lee Arrendale Prison for her self-care and support recovery program and now she is in long-term recovery. She stated that access to peer support is critical. She is a Certified Peer Specialist for Substance Abusers.</p>		
Approve Minutes	The Chair, Urmil Tracy Marshall, asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 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 unanimously.		
AGENDA	AGENDA ITEM(S)	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Old Business	Statewide Leadership Council	Ms. Marshall reported the next meeting will be held on November 18th, 2022. During the September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022, meeting, the Statewide Leadership Council discussed the Statewide Priorities. There has been some progress made with staffing issues due to the passage of the state legislation. The Leadership Council discussed the first 45 days of the 9-8-8 and working on the three to five year goals for the project. Ms. Marshall will attend the November 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting but the other two officers, Dave Ake and Lynne Anderson, will not be able to attend. The alternates are Dianne Hiltman and Dr. Laklieshia Izzard but neither could	The next meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council will be Friday, November 18th, 2022. The meeting will be a virtual meeting using the DBHDD Cisco WebEx system.

	Statewide Leadership Council (cont.)	be at today's meeting so their availability for the Statewide Leadership Council meeting tomorrow is doubtful.	
Old Business (continued)	Region 3 Priorities	<p>The Chairperson, Urmil Tracy Marshall, asked for updates to the Top 3 Priorities. Monique McDowell chairs Priority One which is Community Awareness. She reported on the committee's meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Historically, the Top Priorities were intended to be a way to track the activities of DBHDD and how they were doing to further the regional priorities. The current Chairperson, Tracy Marshall, would like to see more attention on identifying ways for Region 3 to help DBHDD push the strategies forward; having Region 3 members be more of a presence in their counties to partner with DBHDD at community events to listen and talk to the counties about their concerns and needs; collaborating with DBHDD to assist with promoting community awareness (DBHDD sharing calendars with the regions about events or encourage DBHDD to attend events in the counties with members of the Advisory Council; explore ways to build on the network of influencers. Dave Ake, Chairperson, for the Priority Two (Prevention and Early Intervention) did not have anything to report. It was suggested that perhaps Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health for Region 3, might ask a DBHDD staff person in this area to be a contact person for Mr. Ake. Dianne Hiltman is the Chairperson for Priority Three (Recruit and Train Additional Certified Peer Specialists) could not be present today. Gwen Craddieth, RSA for Behavioral Health for Region 3, volunteered to see if she could get someone from the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network to speak at our January 2023, meeting about the certification and training of peer specialists.</p>	This topic will be on the agenda for the January 19th, 2023, meeting.
New Business	RSA Reports	<p>Gwen Craddieth, Regional Services Administrator for Behavioral Health, announced the resignation of the current DBHDD Commissioner, Judy Fitzgerald. Ms. Fitzgerald's last day was November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Monica Johnson was named the Interim DBHDD Commissioner and Kevin Tanner (former state legislator) has been appointed by Governor Kemp to be the new DBHDD Commissioner. Mr. Tanner will start December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ms. Craddieth provided an update about the Co-Responder Units. This is where you have a licensed clinician and a police officer responding to a crisis. DeKalb County CSB and View Point CSB have started. View Point has this also in Rockdale County but not Newton County. Clayton County CSB is working on getting their unit started.</p>	

New Business (continued)	RSA Reports (continued)	<p>Crisis Stabilization Units are having a hard time recruiting nurses. The Fulton County BH and DD Board does not have a Co-Responder Unit. Hiring a licensed clinician is an issue.</p> <p>Vivia Black, Regional Services Administrator for Developmental Disabilities, was unable to attend today's meeting.</p>	
	Announcements/ Public Comments	<p>Cathy Murphy announced the death of the Georgia Speaker of the House, Representative David Ralston. Speaker Ralston was instrumental in the passage of the recent legislation, HB 1013, to fund DBHDD to expand programs. She also acknowledged the death of Georgian Lois Curtis, the activist for Developmental Disabilities in the Olmstead lawsuit. Ms. Curtis was also honored by President Barack Obama when she received a Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.</p> <p>Cathy Murphy announced that her program in North Fulton (SUMMIT) is holding a meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am that will have speakers talk about HB 1013, the new crisis line 9-8-8, and the Co-Responder Units.</p> <p>Mental Health Day at the Capitol will January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Tracy Marshall, attended the DBHDD Mental Health Symposium on October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and received a certificate. She encouraged other members to attend this annual training in 2023.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The Chairperson, Urmil Tracy Marshall, adjourned the meeting at 3:55 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, January 19, 2023, at 2:30 pm.</p>		

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

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