

Region Two MHDDAD Planning Board Meeting

Meeting Summary		
The MHDDAD Region Two Planning Board met at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 18th, 2015 via teleconferences taking place at the Region 2 MHDDAD Office, 3405 Mike Padgett Hwy., Bldg. 3, Room 88 and the Oconee Veteran's Park, 3500A Hog Mountain Road Watkinsonville, GA 30677.		
Board Members Present	Gloria Berry, Walton; Hugh Bowie, Screven; Laverne Crawford, Richmond; Linda Foster, Jackson; Ed Glauser, Clarke; Debbie Harbin, Monroe; Velde Hardy, Morgan; Tammy Herring, McDuffie; Ann Hester, Oconee; Lisa Jones, Columbia; Don Wilkes, Emanuel	
Excused Absences	Josette Akhras, Putnam; Linda Echols, Wilkes	
Unexcused Absences	Bradford Bowling, Clarke; Sandra Brown, Bibb; Martha Crumbley, Burke; Margaree Gibson, Wilkinson; Mike Greene, Jones; Ryan Hope, Clarke; George Menke, Greene County; Faye Smith, Baldwin	
Region Two Staff Present	Audrey Sumner, RC; Dawn Peel, BH Regional Services Administrator; Betty Dycher, Intake & Evaluation Manager; Cheryl Bellardino, Administrative Assistant	
Guests Present	Michael Link, Director, Statewide Community Relations; Irene Cheyne;	
Vacancies as of 6/18/2015		
Barrow (1), Bibb (4), Columbia (1), Elbert (1), Emanuel (1), Glascock (1), Hancock (1), Jasper (1), Jenkins (1), Lincoln (1), Madison (1), Oglethorpe (1), Richmond (3), Taliaferro (1), Twiggs (1), Walton (1), Warren (1), Washington (1)		
<u>Agenda Topic</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM.	Ann Hester, Chair
Approval of October 2014 Meeting Minutes	The minutes from the April 16th, 2014 meeting were approved as written.	Ann Hester
Call For Public Comments	Linda Echols – Last meeting Ryan Hope brought in a flyer that Advantage CSB medications are changing and co-pays will be paid by the individuals. Audrey said that CSBs have always been supposed to ask individuals to pay their co-pays, but in most cases they are very small. If able to prove inability to pay, sometimes that can be waived. Dawn offered to contact CSBs to discuss.	Ann Hester
Board Member Activities	Josette – GA Council for DD –planning to hold 8 forums throughout the state in September. Rome, Augusta, Athens, Statesboro, Albany, Lagrange, Atlanta and, possibly, Dahlonega. Debbie H – Macon Coliseum 2 day conference brought agencies together with local vendors, institutions in GA that have done or do research on how to care for individuals with autism from birth to death. Meeting last Friday - collaboration by Rita Young and Associates –Goal is to strengthen supported employment and other services by collaborating with businesses on a local level.	Ann Hester

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	<p>Don Wilkes spoke about accountability courts – judicial council – state is pressing on with accountability courts in every circuit throughout the state.</p> <p>George Menke – Spoke re: HALO (Healthcare Alliance of Lake Oconee) – At the initial meeting on Tuesday, June 16, the stated purpose of HALO was/is to encourage communication and information exchange between healthcare providers in the Lake Oconee area, which should include Greene, Morgan, Putnam and Baldwin counties at the least. Attendees at this first meeting were from Putnam and Greene Counties. Like anything else, it's a matter of getting the word out and getting some interest going. HALO is a part of Putnam Co. C. of C. and is being organized and administered by the Putnam C. of C. Interesting approach and likely will help membership in C. of C..</p>	
<p>Board Member Appointments/Resignations/ New Vacancies</p>	<p>Linda Echols, Wilkes County representative, vacates her seat effective 7/1/15 after giving 7 years of service. Wilkes County Commissioner's Office has been notified and is seeking a new member to fill the vacancy.</p> <p>Susan Clark was appointed to represent Jefferson County, but no contact information has been received at this time. Hope to have her present at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Cheryl Bellardino, Administrative Assistant</p>
<p>Legislative Changes to Regional Planning Boards</p>	<p>Local Advisory Council is planning board's new name.</p> <p>Regional Offices will be referred to DBHDD Local Field Offices (i.e. DBHDD Local Field Office in Region 2).</p> <p>RC position is going away.</p> <p>Relationship with field offices and advisory councils will continue.</p> <p>Michael's primary role is to bring back issues in the community to the commissioner. This info comes from advisory boards and other community meetings that he attends.</p> <p>Department is trying to standardize certain functions as best it can.</p> <p>Michael took a draft of combined bylaws to leadership council for review. Still pending.</p> <p>Ann Hester asked about election of officers in reference to bylaws. The election process will stay the same.</p> <p>Michael stated that he would be available to assist with identifying/understand roles of Local Advisory Council members.</p> <p>He also said that an orientation packet is being created.</p> <p>Relationships at local levels will be with RSAs.</p>	<p>Michael Link Director, Statewide Community Relations</p>

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<p>BH Report</p>	<p>Dawn Peel presented BH Report</p> <p>In addition to pilot program, new crisis apartments are opening in R2. One apartment opened last week in Augusta that holds 2 last week and 2 that hold 4 will open next week in Athens.</p> <p>For individuals who may have historically ended up in CSUs or ERs b/c they didn't have anywhere else to go. Placement for up to 30 days. Visited daily by staff.</p> <p>Saturday, 6/20, from a Recovery Event will be held in Athens at Botanical Park. Family friendly event with great food.</p> <p>Another Recovery Event will take place in Bonner Park in Milledgeville in July.</p>	<p>Dawn Peel, BH RSA</p>
<p>DD Report</p>	<p>Audrey's last attendance at meetings. Enjoyed working with everyone over the years. Thanked everyone for their attention to those with disabilities.</p> <p>Info on transitions – 6 individuals trans from hospital to community between now and the end of August. Some of those are from other regions, but will reside in Region 2. 2 are going to Soto on Monday, 1 more to join a little later at Soto. Lots of detailed work going into transitions, re: matching up individuals. Detailed the process of matching people to each other and to residences.</p> <p>Training approach now involves on-site training at homes. Bowel obstruction, aspiration, etc. are training topics.</p> <p>Debbie asked Audrey to send Fatal 5 and Competency Check-off List info to members.</p> <p>Provider training on June 24th, promoting train-the-trainer approach. Office of Learning Development to conduct training.</p> <p>Still moving toward waiver changes that will hopefully do away or at least reduce the need for Exceptional Rates. The ER process has been the source of many complaints. Moving to a 5-tier system, and folks will fall into a certain tier. Very service-oriented. This will make things better for families, providers and us.</p> <p>Debbie asked difference between emergent and urgent.</p> <p>Urgent – People must have an appointment in a certain amount of time.</p> <p>Emergent calls are ER-related. Don't have definitions from GCAL Less critical emerging condition. Dawn to get info and share.</p>	<p>Audrey Sumner</p>
<p>LC Report</p>	<p>Debbie to send out email.</p> <p>Working through by-laws to create</p> <p>July 24 at Bibb Co health Dept. All welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Debbie Harbin</p>
<p>The meeting was adjourned by Ann Hester at 2:39 PM.</p>		