



INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2022
11:00 AM

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance			
x	Chair – Cindy Levi		Douglas County CSB - Monraye Lightford
x	Vice Chair – Jennifer Hibbard		Gateway CSB - Rufus Johnson
	Advantage BHS - Rebecca Grissom	x	Georgia Pines CSB - Christine M. Mayer
x	Aspire BHDD - Caroline Chandler		Haralson BHS (Non-voting) - Jamie Brown
x	Avita CP – Hariah Hutkowski (Secretary)	x	Highland Rivers Health - Dena Payne
	Avita CP - Hannah Quinn		Legacy BHS - Heather Hatchett
	Clayton Center CSB - Paula Tyler		Lookout Mountain CS – Jim Moon
		X	McIntosh Trail CSB - Amanda Brown
	CSB of Middle Georgia - Stephen Smith	X	Middle Flint BHC - Kerri Roberts
	DeKalb CSB – Fabio Van Der Merwe	x	New Horizons CSB - JoAnn Mosley
GACSB: Robyn Garrett, Jesse Hambrick, Cameron Vickers			

Other guests/proxies: Belydia McCarty; Cynthia Shipman; Quiana Sydnor; Brenda Albertson; Barbara June, Dr. Lee Adams, Jennifer Hibbard, Sonia Williams, S. Jackson, Amanda Brown, Jordy Barwick

Committee Chair, Cindy Levi, called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented upon unanimous vote of motion by Kerri Roberts, second by Caroline Chandler.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved upon unanimous vote of motion by Greta O’Dell, second by Dena Payne.

IDD Advisory Council - Caroline Chandler said they will meet on Wednesday, April 27th. No official update.

Policies regarding the end-of-life phase, guardianship, medical power of attorney and burial policies for our IDD individuals in our services. - Robyn Garrett

Robyn stated a CSB brought this issue forward of an individual that passed away with no family or power of attorney and were stuck with the bill. Robyn stated that the association reached out to the state to see what the CSB’s responsibilities are but has not heard back. Caroline stated they try to figure out up front a known individual with no guardianship or family members. Greta stated she has 2 individuals who are in similar situations at their facilities. If they have money set aside, they try to coordinate the funeral and all the other arrangements. They also initiate right away to work with someone to approve medical decisions. Dena Payne went to probate court but said that it is a very long process. Michelle said they have their clients obtain the burial policy with the funeral home. Robyn summarized by stating we should have a policy on the front end and not be surprised on the back end. Kerri said that in crafting a policy that there should be more in place to cause a re-evaluation. Greta said that

the medical guardianship is only for one procedure and wish they could have it for multiple medical issues. She also stated that if you go through the regular guardianship procedure it is very costly. She hopes DBHDD should provide some guidance in these situations. Robyn said they will put it on the next trade association meeting and get the discussion moving quicker.

Quarterly Trade Association Meeting - Robyn Garrett

Robyn stated the last meeting was on March 18 and they discussed operational issues. She highlighted the IDD workforce committee, federal funding issues with getting CSM approval first and we are still waiting on the retro-active rate increases. We are specifically waiting on them to fix the technical components before they can implement it. She then discussed policy manual updates that included DSP qualifications. Robyn will send out a summary. Dena discussed the RN on the PA. She is trying to get a follow up conversation to clarify the issues she faces. She wonders why they brought a personal nurse agency into the plan of care? Dena will send a summary to Robyn for the next trade association meeting and bring it up there.

IDD Workforce Committee - Cindy Levi

Updated the group that focus of the last meeting was on the College of Direct Supports, a tool for training DSP's and use for potential certification. They have a wide variety of topics that would be beneficial. Several within the committee were asking if DBHDD has the money set aside to help CSB's since they are emphasizing it. Stay tuned to see if this will pan out to be a resource that you can use.

Cindy shared that Gov. Kemp recently started a commission on Georgia's healthcare worker shortage. We obviously desire that this commission does not overlook the IDD workforce. Cindy encouraged Ron Wakefield to emphasis to Commissioner Fitzgerald and the Governor's office the importance of the IDD workforce being included.

The committee has always advocated for increases in pay rates. The \$5,000 increase was put to good use especially for the DSP's. The committee was extremely happy that they included the CSB's in the budget. Cindy encouraged all CSB's to send a thank you to the Governor. Private IDD service providers didn't get that raise.

Robyn asked input regarding the IDD workforce topic for the annual conference on Nov 6th through 8th for the Education Committee. Cindy says yes – especially on how DBHDD plans to help with IDD services. Greta spoke up and said yes. No one dissented. Send an email to Robyn if you have other topics about IDD for the Education Committee.

Operational Challenges including staffing - Group Discussion

Did not cover.

NOW Waiver Renewal Comments - Cindy Levi

Discussed briefly that there are town hall meetings held virtually. Additionally, we have an opportunity to provide comments for the renewal and DCH is accepting comments through May 1st.

GASCB Workgroup Update - Jennifer Hibbard

Updated everyone on clinical operations group. Discussion around the fact that grant funding cannot cover all of the NADD certification costs and whether there are others funding sources. Can DBHDD provide other resources for that certification? They further discussed the legislation that passed including the COLA. Lastly, the association has begun to develop a position paper with Health Management Associates for Medicaid procurement.

Robyn encouraged any IDD Director to join her IDD Workforce Committee. Greta expressed interest.

Reminder: Statewide IDD Provider Meeting is on May 12th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Be sure to sign up on their website.

Adjourned at 12:06 p.m. Motion by Christine Mayer, seconded by Jennifer Hibbard.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 23, 2022, at 11:00 AM