



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS  
INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 31, 2022  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>					
X	Chair- Cindy Levi - Avita		Legacy – Heather Hatchett	X	GACSB- Robyn Garrett
X	Vice Chair- Jennifer Hibbard – View Point	X	Bridge Health- Melissa Fouts	X	GACSB- Jesse Hambrick
	Advantage- Rebecca Grissom		McIntosh Trail- Amanda Brown		GACSB- Renee Millians
X	Aspire- Caroline Chandler		Middle Flint- Kerri Roberts	X	GACSB- Dr. Glyn Thomas
X	Avita- Hannah Quinn	X	New Horizons- JoAnn Mosley		
X	Clayton Center – Paula Tyler		Oconee- Reginald Rogers		
X	CSB of Middle Georgia- Stephen Smith		Pathways- Jade Benefield		
	Dekalb- Fabio Van Der Merwe	X	Pineland- June DiPolito		
	Douglas County – Gale Walton	X	River Edge- Greta O’Dell		
	Gateway – Sharon Smith	X	Serenity- Laurie Bradford		
	Georgia Pines- Christine M. Mayer	X	Unison- Belydia McCarty		
X	Highland Rivers- Dena Payne		View Point Health- Quiana Sydnor		
<b>GUESTS: Nora Drew, Dan Barnard, Cynthia Shipman, Rufus Johnson, Dana Glass, Susan Gallagher, Stephen Martell, Fallon Sargent, Rikita Rozier, Jordy Barwick, Michelle Malone</b>					
<b>DISTRIBUTION: IDD Ops 10/31/2022 Agenda, IDD Ops 09/26/2022 Minutes</b>					

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Resolution</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>Welcome/Call To Order</b>	Chair, Cindy Levi, called the virtual meeting to order at 11:06AM and asked members to type their name and agency in the Zoom chat box for purposes of attendance			
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	A motion to approve the 10/31/2022 agenda was made by Kerri Roberts and seconded by June DiPolito. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion to approve the 09/26/2022 minutes was made by Hannah Quinn and seconded by Greta O’Dell. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Statewide Initiatives</b>	<b>IDD Advisory Council-</b> June advised that she and Caroline Chandler attended the meeting and the following were noted: she stated Ron Wakefield wanted to make sure that all the PAs were updated for the 5% increase; the Appendix K is still current and would remain so during the PHE; SMS Training will be offered in each DBHDD Region; she noted that DBHDD is looking at issuing a career letter for DSPs to help with workforce shortage and there would be more to come.			

	<p><b>IDD Workforce Committee-</b> Cindy Levi reported the last meeting was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the meeting focused on a presentation by the National Association of Direct Support Professionals. NADSP is offering E-badge training and certification for DSPs through the college of direct support and Relias Training. This allows DSPs to stack credentials on levels I, II, III based on completion of the trainings. Pay incentives for DSPs could then be offered based on their attainment of the credentials and this is something the committee is looking at. DSPs would not have to be a member of the association to receive the training and credentialing. There is cost that is required of the agency for the credentialing process.</p> <p><b>IDD Waiver Rate Study-</b> Cindy Levi noted that 19 of 22 CSBs had completed the survey and that the following had reported that they were one of the 19: Avita, New Horizons, Dekalb, Highland Rivers, Aspire, McIntosh Trail, Gateway, Advantage, Serenity, Clayton, River Edge, View Point, Unison, Legacy, and the CSB of Middle Georgia. Additionally, Pineland and Middle Flint confirmed on this call.</p> <p><b>CCBHC/NADD Certification-</b> Greta O'Dell stated that River Edge had applied for accreditation and NADD would be coming the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December. JoAnne Mosley requested contact information from Greta to get more information on the process. Stephen Smith stated that based on being awarded the grant through SAMHSA that they CSB of Middle Georgia would no be pursuing a NADD Certification. June stated that the same applied for them.</p> <p><b>IDD Study Committee-</b> Cindy Levi reported the last meeting was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Tifton, Georgia and that an overwhelming 100 or more people attended the meeting. Ashley Caseman provided an update on waiver slots and that 31 new waivers had been approved in July, 52 in August, and 53 in September. She also noted that the 5% retro payments would be</p>			
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	completed by the end of the year. She noted that the main speaker was Dave Wilbur from SPAD and that his focus was on the delay in opening access to residential services and that Beacon should be held to certain standard to help with this issue. She noted that the next meeting will be held 11/16/2022.			
<b>Support Coordination Referral Process</b>	Robyn Garrett noted that Robert Bell contacted the GACSB on 10/6 asking for an updated list of CSBs and contact information for support coordination in order to make referrals to the CSBs. Robyn noted that she quickly learned that there was several different ways that this happens and wanted to know from the group how this might be streamlined. Dr. Thomas indicated that there are three CSBs that are increasing IDD waiver clients served and this might be worth looking into further. Greta and Rufus noted that they had added several waiver clients recently and their processes were both informal. Dena Payne discussed their process and how there was a tracking form process that was a little more formal. Robyn Garrett pulled up the form and shared her screen and the form was reviewed. The group agreed that a more formal process would be beneficial to the group.	Reach out to a few of the Support Coordination Agencies to get their thoughts on the use of a form.	Each agency should reach out to their support coordination agency contacts	By next meeting
<b>Strategic Planning Update</b>	Robyn Garrett reminded members to her hopes that CSBs had shred the legislative briefing document. Also mentioned the current focus on The CSB is Me campaign, co-responder focus, and workforce information gathering around behavioral health clinicians.			
<b>Operational Challenges</b>	Dr. Thomas discussed the decline in IDD Waiver Clients served by CSBs. Dr. Thomas noted that the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget is interested in the data around the decline. Robyn Garrett noted the need to paint a picture around the data and answer questions that we think OPB might ask. There was a healthy discussion around the data as well as the challenges of referrals versus the actual number that they are able to serve based on workforce shortage. Greta suggested the possibility of the need for a social media campaign around waiver services so that we are not seen as just the safety net for the most in need clients. Greta O'Dell, June	Discuss on the next quarterly trade association meeting the process of accepting clients with greater needs that demand more staff and having to take them on before the request could be made for more staff. Also discuss the idea that private providers are taking on the clients with less needs and passing the cases of higher needs on to the CSBs.	Robyn Garrett	

	DiPolito, Laurie Bradford, Joanne Mosely and Caroline Chandler agreed to be a small focus group on the campaign.	Set up a small group meeting on a campaign strategy.	Executive Office	After the Educational Exchange.
<b>Educational Exchange Leadership Conference</b>	Cindy reminded everyone of the Meet and Greet has been scheduled for members on Sunday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-3:30pm at Legacy Lodge in the following room- Island 11 & Island 111			
<b>Next Meeting</b>	It was decided that December 12 <sup>th</sup> would be a combined November and December meeting for the committee.			
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm.			
<b>Chair</b>	Cindy Levi	Recorded By: Jesse Hambrick		