



**INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**MAY 23, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>			
x	Chair – Cindy Levi		Douglas County CSB - Monraye Lightford
x	Vice Chair – Jennifer Hibbard		Gateway CSB - Rufus Johnson
x	Advantage BHS - Rebecca Grissom		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
x	Avita CP - Hannah Quinn		Legacy BHS - Heather Hatchett
	Clayton Center CSB - Paula Tyler		Lookout Mountain CS – Jim Moon
x	Clayton Center CSB – Dr. Lee Adams	X	McIntosh Trail CSB - Amanda Brown
	CSB of Middle Georgia - Stephen Smith	X	Middle Flint BHC - Kerri Roberts
	DeKalb CSB – Crystal Micken	x	Middle Georgia – Cynthia Shipman
		x	New Horizons CSB - JoAnn Mosley
<b>GACSB:</b> Robyn Garrett, Jesse Hambrick			

Other guests/alternates in attendance: Quiana Sydnor and Brenda Albertson

**Committee Chair, Cindy Levi, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.**

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

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes were approved upon unanimous vote of motion by Gretta O’Dell, second by June DiPolito.

**IDD Advisory Council** - June DiPolito

Bruce is doing great as the chair and providing clear direction and all things are going well.

**Quarterly Trade Association Meeting** - Robyn Garrett

Robyn advised everyone to read the minutes when they are ready for the Quarterly Trade Association. They hope to cross post them on the IDD resource pages within their website. They had their last meeting on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer, Cindy, and Jesse were all there. Some of the highlights included COMP Renewal updates, NOW Renewal, Convert DD policies to match DCH manual, Day Programs, SE Workgroup from the ARPA funds, Margie’s Law, National PHE, Individuals under 18 without families, and end of life phase planning policies. She also discussed IDD connects where they feel they have a fix, and it should be rolling through very soon. We are waiting on all the specific fixes.

Cindy stated that on the end-of-life decisions portion of the report that she got a lot of push back from DBHDD when a client is in their right mind to allow them to make their wishes known. She hopes to set up a meeting and discuss it with DBHDD. Cindy also shared an emotional personal story from an Avita client that died yesterday to illustrate her point.

## **IDD Workforce Committee - Cindy Levi**

This committee met earlier this morning and shared that the group was excited to see another state (Missouri) was doing something. She stated that most of the meeting was around where we were going for the next steps. Dwane Shumate, from the department of Mental Health, from Missouri spoke. Missouri has identified the DSP's competencies and implemented an apprenticeship program where 34 employers will participate. They documented an astounding 90% turnover with DSP's within the last 3 years. They worked with their DOL to have the apprenticeship documented. Their state rates are based on a minimum payment of \$15 an hour for DSP's and if they go through the apprenticeship, they get a \$1.50 increase. The providers are incentivized too. The 1-year program is called the MO Talent Pathway. Our DBHDD leadership had many questions and great interest. There will be a follow up on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Clinical Ops. Workgroup Update – Jennifer Hibbard**

The committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup>. New Horizon and River Edge reported that they have submitted their documents for CCBHC. There was no additional clarity about NADD requirements. The Educational Exchange is Nov. 6-8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Lanier Legacy Lodge. Jennifer provided the legislative updates including pointing everyone to a 1-hour strategic planning video that breaks down the 988 law by section.

## **Statewide IDD Provider Meeting – Cindy Levi**

By a show of hands, most individuals in attendance of this meeting participated in the May 12<sup>th</sup> Provider meeting. We were notified by DBHDD that the 5% rate increase approved in Georgia's last Appendix K submission which is retro-active to July 1, 2021, will not be received until August of 2022. The new rates will be in the system and all billing submitted effective July 1, 2022, will include the 5% rate increase. Georgia's COMP Waiver renewal, submitted to CMS in December of 2020, still has not been approved. That must be approved, and a waiver submitted to approve making the 5% rate increase permanent. It was suggested to talk with your CSB's finance department because the payment will come in the next fiscal year. The NOW waiver will be submitted in the future.

DBHDD gave many leadership presentations. It felt like a "new provider" training and covered things we already knew. We hope that DBHDD will move those elementary items they covered in that meeting into a separate meeting for "new providers" in the future and provide more meaningful interactions.

DBHDD also fielded questions as to why providers only get paid for 344 days a year for residential. The DBHDD claims it is an increased rate to reflect all days. They use 344 days, instead of 365, so people can be away from the program like vacations or hospital stays. This will be looked at during the new rate study. Robyn Garrett then mentioned that DBHDD reached out to GACSB to have 3 members on their rate study advisory group. GACSB selected Cindy Levi, Gretta O'Dell, and Dena Payne were selected to represent the CSB's.

## **IDD Operational Challenges including staffing - Group Discussion**

No one brought any items forward.

**Adjourned at 12:06 p.m.** Motion by June DiPolito, seconded by Caroline Chandler.

**Next Meeting – Monday, June 27, 2022, at 11:00 AM**