



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 – 10:00AM
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**



MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance					
X	Chair/President – Kent Woerner, Avita		GA Pines – Larry Nichols	X	Pineland – June DiPolito
X	Vice Chair/Vice President – Alecea Quintyne, DeKalb		Haralson (Non-voting) – Jamie Brown		Pineland – Armenda Barnes
X	Advantage – Tammy Conlin	X	Highland Rivers – Melanie Dallas	X	River Edge – Dr. Shannon Terrell Gordon
X	Advantage – David Kidd		Highland Rivers – Pending		River Edge – Ray Bennett
X	Aspire – Dana Glass	X	Legacy BHS – Pam Cartwright	X	Serenity BHS – Charles Williamson
	Aspire – Judge Joe Bishop	X	Legacy BHS – Connie Graham		Serenity BHS - Pending
X	Avita – Cindy Levi	X	Lookout Mountain – Heather Roesner	X	Unison BH – Tiffany Henderson
X	Clayton–Dr. Lee Adams		Lookout Mountain – Judge J. McCormick	X	Unison BH – Lowell Williamson
X	Clayton – Khadijah Works	X	McIntosh Trail – Kenyatta Walker		Viewpoint Health – Jennifer Hibbard
X	Cobb – Melanie Dallas	X	McIntosh Trail – Sandra Haisten		Viewpoint Health – Lynette Howard
	Cobb – Dr. Carol Holtz	X	Middle Flint – Angela S. Holt	X	Capitol Strategy Group – Travis Lindley
X	CSB Middle GA – Denise Forbes		Middle Flint – Dr. David Haigler	X	Capitol Strategy Group – Devin Krecl
	CSB Middle GA – Judi Davis	X	New Horizons – Andrea Winston	X	Capitol Strategy Group – Cathalene Teahan
X	DeKalb – Fabio van der Merwe		New Horizons – David Ranieri	X	GACSB – Mike Scribner
	Douglas – Monraye Lightford		Oconee – Tyrone Evans	X	GACSB – Robyn Garrett
	Douglas – Pending		Oconee – Emily Davis	X	GACSB – Jesse Hambrick
X	Gateway – Dr. Mark Johnson		Pathways – Jade Benefield	X	GACSB – Cameron Vickers
X	GA Pines – RJ Hurn		Pathways – Pending		

GUESTS:

DISTRIBUTION: GACSB Board Agenda 01/12/22, GACSB Board Meeting Minutes 12/08/2021, Financial Report 01/2022

I. WELCOME	Kent Woerner, President, called the regular meeting to order at 10:05 am. The preamble and GACSB Values Statement were read aloud.
II. APPROVE AGENDA	A motion to pass the 01/12/22 agenda was made by RJ Hurn and was seconded by David Kidd and carried without opposition.
III. APPROVE MINUTES	A motion to pass the 12/08/21 minutes was made by Lowell Williamson. Motion was seconded by Alecea Quintyne and carried without opposition.
IV. GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE	Travis Lindley reporting that today is Legislative Day 2. They will be in session rest of the week but off next week and reconvening Monday, 1/24/22. They anticipate behavioral health issues being a major point of discussion this session. The Omnibus Bill has been widely circulated and continues to take different forms; waiting for it to be formally introduced. They have had one on one visits with Governor Kemp and key leaders in the legislature. There is some concern by DOI on the Mental Health Parity piece but they will track this. Co-Responder legislation is getting a lot of acknowledgement as they met with Lt. Governor’s office yesterday who has been working with Judge Sweat and David Kidd on the legal side of the bill and working on language that pertains to some of the mandate language. 12/21/21, hosted a tour with Chairman England at Advantage’s BHCC. Last night they had dinner with Senator Ben Watson who gave a big shout out on the great work that Gateway is doing. The issues we anticipate action on include additional prior auth reform; another attempt to flush out engagement on low THC; further legislative action on PBM reform and extension of COVID immunity. Cathalene reported on the federal budget indicating that the President’s budget will be released in March. It could be further delayed due to the reconciliation bill (Build Back Better). If they can’t come to agreement on the FY22 budget it is possible that the President will wait to release his budget. On the state side, the legislature is on recess next week but there are Joint Budget Hearings next week which Robyn forwarded out already. DBHDD is 10:30-11:00 on 1/20/22. This morning Gov. Kemp addressed the General Assembly and made a statement that in the amended FY22 budget he is going to authorize \$1.6 billion refund to taxpayers with \$250 for single filers and \$500 for joint filers. Travis also indicated they are working with Exec Office to get virtual advocacy day set and will be communicating dates and plans as soon as possible.
X. FINANCIAL REPORT	Chuck Williamson provided the January Financial Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Alecea Quintyne. Motion seconded by Cindy Levi and carried without dissent.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p><u>Administrative Ops</u>-Melanie Dallas, Chair, reported that they have not had a quorum past 2 meetings, but next meeting is tomorrow, 1/13/22. The last minutes are included in the Board Package for today. She encouraged voting members to be present for tomorrow’s meeting. Anticipates a lot of questions from the HR members on the committee around the proposed \$5,000 pay increase.</p> <p><u>Clinical Ops</u>- Dr. Mark Johnson, Chair, reported that Jesse Hambrick provided a COVID update during their last meeting along with update from the CCBHC CSBs. They discussed Medicaid Re-procurement and look forward to the stakeholder engagement during second quarter of the calendar year. They also discussed the Opioid Settlement and will be reviewing information from NIH regarding abatement strategies.</p> <p><u>Data Analytics</u>- Tammy Conlin, Chair, reported that the last meeting was on 12/7/21 and those minutes were already distributed. The staffing survey is underway with 16 reporting so far. The Annual Survey is due 1/31; the Quarterly Board Reports are due 1/31. Cam is working to send out Org Climate Survey results by Friday of this week, 1/14. Next meeting is 1/18/22. There is a costing study RFP that is going out to MTM and Analytics Rx.</p> <p><u>Education & Individual Advocacy</u>- Dana Glass, Chair, reported that we did not have a quorum for our last 2 meetings. One issue that needs discussing is holding an in-person event for Spring Fling for this year as 4 voting members on the meeting this past Monday voiced concerns with holding an in-person event given the uptick in COVID cases and the potential implications on our compromised population. Dr. Mark Johnson made a motion to cancel holding an in-person event for Spring Fling this year with Angela Holt providing the needed second. Motion carried without opposition. We will be working to coordinate another meeting for January since a quorum was not met for the committee meeting this week.</p> <p><u>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</u> – Cindy Levi, Chair, reported that 1/24/22 is next meeting. The ARPA plan has not been approved yet but they submitted another Appendix K proposal to CMS to include the 5% increase. A Statewide IDD Provider Meeting is scheduled for 2/10/22 at 9am.</p> <p><u>Public Image and Policy</u> – David Kidd, Chair, reported that our next meeting is 1/18/22. No further report following item presented during the Government Affairs update.</p>		
XII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT	Reference the Executive Director’s Report slides which also included a Strategic Plan Update. Questions were generated from the discussion around Governor Kemp’s proposed pay increases for state employees, in which will be asked of DBHDD and OPB possibly.		
XIII. BOARD OR PUBLIC COMMENT	President Woerner acknowledged the retirement of long time Board Member, Lowell Williamson. Members provided well wishes and appreciation for his service to Unison Behavioral Health and to GACSB.		
XIV. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT	Dana Glass made a motion to schedule the next two meetings for February 9, 2022 at 10:00am and March 9, 2022 as a virtual meeting via Zoom. Tammy Conlin seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissent. Lowell Williamson made a motion to adjourn with RJ Hurn seconding the motion. Motion carried without dissent and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23am.		
CHAIR:	Kent Woerner	RECORDER:	Robyn Garrett