



GACSB Administrative Operations Committee

Zoom

1/13/22

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE (X - Denotes Participation)			
X	Chair - Melanie Dallas – Highland Rivers	X	Middle Georgia – Terry Richards
X	Vice Chair – Pam Cartwright - Legacy		New Horizons – Valerie Bowden
X	Secretary – Cathy Ganter - Avita		Oconee – Tyrone Evans
	Advantage – Tammy Conlin		Pathways – Jade Benefield
X	Aspire – Dana Glass		Pineland – Patricia Donaldson
X	Cobb – Jamie Allison	X	River Edge – Dr. Ali Yallah
	Clayton – Barbara June	X	Serenity – Stephen Martell
X	DeKalb – Fabio van der Merwe	X	Legacy – Marcy Crews
	Douglas – Monraye Lightford	X	Unison – Laura Fullard
X	Gateway – David Crews		View Point Health – Jennifer Speights
X	Georgia Pines – Tim Hampton	X	GACSB – Jesse Hambrick
X	Highland Rivers – Dena Payne		
X	Lookout Mountain – Rick Solmon		
	McIntosh Trail – Sandra Mitchell		
X	Middle Flint – Matthew Almeida		
Distribution: Minutes – 9/9/21, 10/15/21, & 12/10/21			
Guests: N/A			

Additional Members in Attendance –

- Eddie Williams – Aspire
- Sandra Myers – Aspire
- Cindy Levi – Avita
- Dr. Lee Adams – Clayton
- Cameron Vickers – GACSB
- R.J. Hurn – Georgia Pines
- Dr. Michelle Hamm – Highland Rivers
- Rita Wright-King – River Edge

Meeting Start Time – 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of September 9, 2021, Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented upon unanimous vote of motion by Fabio van der Merwe and second by Dr. Lee Adams.

Approval of October 15, 2021, Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented upon unanimous vote of motion by Fabio van der Merwe and second by Dr. Lee Adams.

Approval of December 10, 2021, Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented upon unanimous vote of motion by Fabio van der Merwe and second by Dr. Lee Adams.

HR/Compliance Focus Group Update – Laura Fullard stated she had an awesome focus group who was engaged and committed. The focus group had discussed the following items.

- COVID and the new fast moving variant. There were no benefits offered at this time, such as unemployment or leave, unless a facility had to close their doors because of a COVID related issue.
- Jesse Hambrick had joined the focus group meeting to discuss policies and training. He shared good information from another committee who was doing a crosswalk on regulations. The HR/compliance focus group looked forward to seeing the finished product.
- The organizational climate results were being tabulated and would be sent out to the individual CSBs. Laura stated that Unison used the results for strategic planning.
- Governor Kemp had proposed a \$5,000 salary increase for state employees in his amended budget and additional amounts in the next year’s budget. Unison was trying to decide if they were going to send out information about the increase to staff. Chair Melanie Dallas stated that CSB staff had not been considered as state employees since 1993. Some things did not automatically apply to CSBs. CSBs did have some privileges and were sometimes given leeway on how to use funds. The increase would not extend to staffing agencies or staff paid for by grant funds. CSBs were not a cabinet level agency. The entirety of cabinet level agency payroll was appropriated through the approved budget. CSB’s payroll was paid by the services provided to



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individuals. The CSBs discussed whether they would be sending communication out to staff. The majority would not be doing so since the amended budget was not approved and the proposal could change or be denied. The executive teams had discussed the proposal and some of the CSBs had notified their governing boards about the proposal in case they got questions from staff members.

- The recruiting and retention workgroup would have their first meeting next Thursday.

IT Focus Group Update – Dr. Ali Yallah informed the members that the focus group had met on the 12th. The members had discussed the EHR RFP process. Carelogic and Netsmart had returned bids. Gateway had reported issues with Netsmart and submitting billing claims. Netsmart had the best clinical system, but without the billing capabilities it would not be viable. DeKalb reported that there were some CSBs that were doing okay with Netsmart. Recommendations had been sent to the CEOs. The focus group had also discussed the CCBHC grants. The grantees were busy with implementation.

Revenue Cycle Focus Group Update – Cameron Vickers informed the members that the focus group had met on the 6th. Peach State had joined the call to provide information and policy reminders. Effective January 1, 2022, providers were allowed 20 therapy visits without authorizations. The focus group had also discussed individual CSB claims issues.

CFO Focus Group Update – Sue Davis was unable to attend the meeting. She provided the updates below to the Chair.

- The last CFO call was on December 15, 2021.
- The group had discussed CLS audits and the effects of using staffing companies rather than agency employees to provide CLS services. Some CSBs had received deficiencies with the auditor stating that providers must be employed by the agency.
- The group discussed whether the reporting for the ARP Rural Payment would be the same as for the Round 1 and 2 of HHS Stimulus funding.
- The group discussed the possibility of a CSB creating a private personal care home and what issues, including insurance, might be encountered.
- The group discussed the ongoing issues with EVV.
- The next CFO call is schedule for January 21, 2022, at 10 a.m.

CCBHC Discussion – There was no discussion.

New Business – Chair Melanie Dallas asked for input on how the members were dealing with the new strain of COVID. Vice Chair Pam Cartwright stated that she was seeing a big impact on the BHCCs in her area due to staff shortages for close exposures and positive tests. She was also seeing a big impact in the group homes. Melanie stated that she had two board members who were part of the hospital system. One board member had said 100% of the people who were in the ICU were not vaccinated and 80% of the people in Med Surge were not vaccinated. The number of cases was higher than seen in a long time, but the death rate was not as high. Melanie suspected that the CSBs and COVID would have to learn to co-exist in the future. Jesse Hambrick continued to talk with the vendor in Savannah to get 20,000 test kits at 50% less than other vendors were charging. He was ironing out the shipping and delivery details.

Motion for adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment Time – 10:37 a.m.

Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting is February 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.