



**INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 24, 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
	Aspire BHDD - Caroline Chandler		Haralson BHS (Non-voting) - Jamie Brown
x	Avita CP - Dana Sharitt (Secretary)	x	Highland Rivers Health - Dena Payne
x	Avita CP - Hannah Quinn	x	Legacy BHS - Heather Hatchett
x	Clayton Center CSB - Paula Tyler		Lookout Mountain CS – Jim Moon
x	Cobb CSB - Lorie Winn	x	McIntosh Trail CSB - Amanda Brown
x	CSB of Middle Georgia - Stephen Smith	x	Middle Flint BHC - Kerri Roberts
x	DeKalb CSB – Fabio Van Der Merwe		New Horizons CSB - JoAnn Mosley
<b>GACSB:</b> Robyn Garrett, Jesse Hambrick, Cameron Vickers			

**Guests:**

- Jenny Stephens- Aspire
- Erin Ray - Advantage
- Lee Adams, Clayton
- Dan Barnard – CSB Middle GA
- Belynda McCarty - Unison
- Jennifer Speights – View Point
- Tiffany Henderson - Unison

**Committee Chair, Cindy Levi, called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.**

**Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved as presented upon unanimous vote of motion by Deena Payne, Highland Rivers, second by Amanda Brown, McIntosh Trail

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes were approved upon unanimous vote of motion by Deena Payne, Highland Rivers, second by Hannah Quinn, Avita

**IDD Advisory Council – June DiPolito – N/A**

**Quarterly Trade Association Meeting – Robyn Garrett – January 21, 2022**

- IDD Connects - Email Jesse with whatever unresolved issues that you might have in IDD Connects in detail and they will issue it to Ron Wakefield
- Funding resources – DCH and DBHDD submitted the amendment to Appendix K to include a 5% rate increase for all COMP and NOW services– amendment has not been published on the DCH website, they will create a special bulletin to give to providers, they are currently working with Beacon and DCH on system structure, so providers don’t have more work in addition to reprocessing of claims

- ARPA funds – Still waiting for approval from CMS, the proposal is \$68 million for NOW and COMP waivers, \$37 million temporary rate enhancements, \$26.5 million for work force shortage, \$4 million for Supported Employment pilot, \$500,000 for rate study, DBHDD wants providers to be able to inform the rate study, cost of living adjustment on annual basis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of retainer payments? DBHDD is not considering another round currently
- DBHDD Workgroup meeting every two weeks and GACSB wants to have DSPs involved, credentialing and career path are factored into the DSP wage
- DSP qualifications – Indicated DBHDD cannot include language until July 1 – HS diploma, GED or 75 on TOFHLA, 6-months of experience required, we hope this will impact the DSP workforce in a positive way
- ASO delays with provider numbers – Email Jesse with specifics if waiting on provider numbers or any other part of that process, they will send as a network, requested DBHDD consider putting together a training for the providers
- TB testing of staff – Until there is a change, everyone needs to follow CDC recommendations and they will add any updated language to the provider manual, if you get a bad audit because of TB testing – reach out to DBHDD and let them know
- Questions – Follow ups
  1. IDD Connects – Please get any issues to Jesse ASAP for compilation to submit to DBHDD
  2. Waiting on provider numbers/timeline – Avita will ask residential director to put together a timeline, Fabio and Deena will submit information to Cindy by Friday, January 28
  3. DSP suggestions for participation in the workgroup (experienced, confident, willing to speak up and advocate well in a workgroup) – send that to Cindy with an overview of their background by Friday, January 28

### **Legislative Advocacy Update – Cindy Levi**

- Commissioner Fitzgerald mentioned IDD workforce challenges and shortage of DSPs, 60% turnover rate in 2021, 33% of workforce has less than 1 year of experience, 28.5% vacancy rate, family members have had to choose between caregiving and employment, in FY23 there will be budget funding for 100 new NOW and COMP waivers in addition to the annual 100 extra waivers

### **GACSB Ad-Hoc workgroups Update – Jennifer Hibbard**

- Clinical ops focusing on CCBHC initiative (4 CSBs), DBHDD has published a policy regarding CCBHC
- Reviewed GACSB strategic plan that the Clinical Ops can work toward: provide input into Medicaid reprourement (impact that it would have on individuals we serve) workforce issues and building a job pipeline, tracking the 988-suicide hotline so we can respond to the increase in volume, touch base on opioid settlement – state did enter into the settlement for damages - 9 CSBs have signed on
- Family support changes in definition and IDD workforce shortage was mentioned at the meeting

### **Operational Challenges – Group Discussion – Staffing**

- Hannah Quinn - HRST changes in policy that are coming for Level 3 and above – if you have a level 3 or above and the staff member updated the HRST it would have to go through a clinical review, problem for Avita because we have a nurse only two times a week and a large catchment area, the current policy is going to be revised
- No one else has heard this – it is a challenge to find RN time already

### **IDD Provider Statewide Meeting Scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 12:30 PM**

- Announcement via DBHDD relations training announcement – January 18 was announcement

### **DBHDD Provider Relations 1/18/22 Bulletin, 1/19/22 Bulletin**

- 1/18 bulletin – training opportunities, 1/19 bulletin – IDD SE and a plan to placement cohort

### **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting – Monday, February 28, 2022, at 11:00 AM**