



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS
PUBLIC IMAGE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 2025, 8:30 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance					
	Chair- Melanie Dallas – Highland Rivers		Pineland – June DiPolito		
X	Vice Chair- David Kidd - Advantage	X	Unison – Tiffany Henderson		
	Advantage- Tammy Conlin	X	View Point – Jennifer Hibbard		
X	Aspire- Dana Glass	X	Consultant – Ellen Reynolds		
	Avita – Cindy Levi	X	Consultant – Bernard Reynolds		
	Avita- Kent Woerner	X	View Point - Debbie Varnes		
X	Claratel- Alecea Quintyne		GACSB - Kristin Woodlock		
X	Claratel- Fabio van der Merwe	X	Highland Rivers - Kristy Lindstrom		
X	Highland Rivers- Mike Mullet				
X	Middle Flint – Angela Holt				
GUESTS: Michael Foust – Proxy – Avita,					
DISTRIBUTION: PIP 4/11/25 Agenda, PIP 3/28/25 Minutes, PIP 3/31/25 AM Minutes, PIP 3/31/25 PM Minutes					

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Resolution	Responsibility	Due Date
Welcome/Preamble	David called the virtual meeting to order at 8:31 AM.			
Approval of Agenda	A motion to approve the 4/11/2025 agenda was made by Angela and seconded by Tiffany. Motion carried without dissent.			
Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the 3/28/25 meeting minutes was made by Angela and seconded by Tiffany. Motion carried without dissent.			
	A motion to approve the 3/31/25 AM meeting minutes was made by Alecea and seconded by Angela. Motion carried without dissent.			
	A motion to approve the 3/31/25 PM meeting minutes was made by Alecea and seconded by Angela. Motion carried without dissent.			
Government and Public Affairs	The members discussed legislation from Sine Die. The advocacy regarding APEX funding was successful. The funding remains under DBHDD. Ellen thanked the members for their work and quick turnaround. She suggested the members reach out to their legislators and advocates with a thank you	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning for mini retreat or strategic planning session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TBD

	<p>note. HB268 was passed with the redaction of the database component due to privacy and bias concerns. HB516 passed right before the end of the session. Ellen advised the members it would be easier to advocate for additional changes once the bill was established as a law.</p> <p>The members discussed the need to continue to pay close attention to funding cuts on the federal level. A court issued an oral bench ruling for an injunction on funding cuts to SAMHSA. On appeal, the Supreme Court nullified the injunction based on timing rules for appeals. It was not based on merit. DBHDD sent out a letter to CSBs concerning how the ruling would impact some contracts.</p> <p>Ellen suggested that the members begin looking at the next budget and legislative cycle. The members discussed having a mini retreat/strategic planning day. It is important the CSBs speak with one voice to make change.</p> <p>Ellen gave highlights from the approved budget. The BHCC in North Fulton was kept in the budget. Fabio discussed the consultant study performed for DBHDD regarding new BHCCs. He asked that a review of the study and possible advocacy be included in the mini retreat/strategic planning day.</p>			
BHRIC Update	There were no updates on the topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required. 		
Other	The new opioid grant applications will be coming out in May. The members were encouraged to keep a watch for the information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action required. 	•	•
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on May 13 th at 9:00 AM.			
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 AM.			
Vice Chair	David Kidd	Recorded By: Melissa Stone		