



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS  
BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 – 10:00AM  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>			
X	Chair – President Judge Joe Bishop, Aspire	X	GA Pines – RJ Hurn
X	Vice Chair – Kent Woerner, Avita		GA Pines – Larry Nichols
X	Advantage – Tammy Conlin	X	Gateway – Dr. Mark Johnson
X	Advantage – David Kidd		Haralson (Non-voting) – Melody Harpe
	Aspire – Dana Glass		Highland Rivers – Melanie Dallas
X	Avita – Cindy Levi		Highland Rivers – Pending
	Cobb – Melanie Dallas	X	Legacy BHS – Pam Cartwright
	Cobb – Dr. Carol Holtz		Legacy BHS – Connie Graham
X	Clayton – Dr. Lee Adams	X	Lookout Mountain – Dr. Tom Ford
	Clayton – Khadijah Works		Lookout Mountain – Judge J. McCormick
X	CSB Middle GA – Denise Forbes	X	McIntosh Trail – Stefanie Jackson
	CSB Middle GA – Judi Davis	X	McIntosh Trail – Sandra Haisten
X	DeKalb – Fabio van der Merwe		New Horizons – Andrea Winston
X	DeKalb – Alecea Quintyne		New Horizons – David Ranieri
	Douglas – Monraye Lightford	X	Oconee – Tyrone Evans
	Douglas - Pending		Oconee – Emily Davis
X	Fulton – LaTrina Foster	X	Pathways – Jade Benefield
			Pathways - Pending
		X	Pineland – June DiPolito
		X	Pineland – Armenda Barnes
		X	River Edge – Dr. Shannon Terrell Gordon
		X	River Edge – Ray Bennett
		X	Unison BH – Dr. Glyn Thomas
		X	Unison BH – Lowell Williamson
		X	Serenity – Charles (Chuck) Williamson
			Serenity – Pending
		X	Viewpoint Health – Jennifer Hibbard
		X	Viewpoint Health – Bernie Marinelli
		X	Capitol Strategy Group – Travis Lindley
		X	Capitol Strategy Group – Devin Krecl
			Capitol Strategy Group – Cathalene Teahan
		X	GACSB – Mike Scribner
		X	GACSB – Robyn Garrett
		X	GACSB – Lyly Trinh
<b>GUESTS:</b>			
<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> GACSB Board Agenda 07/08/2020, GACSB Board Meeting Minutes 06/10/2020, Admin Ops Minutes 05-2020, Data Analytics Comm 06-2020 Report, COVID Financial Data Master Workbook, Telehealth responses (Adult 18-55), Telehealth responses (Adult 56-older), Telehealth responses (Child-Youth), Telework responses (Staff), Zoom Helpful Tips, Protect Health Insurance Advocacy Briefing			
<b>I. WELCOME/PREAMBLE</b>	President Joe Bishop called the meeting to order at 10:06AM, read the preamble and GACSB Values Statement. Chuck Williamson announced members with current voting rights. Bernie Marinelli was welcomed as a new Board Representative.		
<b>II. APPROVE AGENDA</b>	A motion to pass the 07/08/2020 agenda was made by Cindy Levi and seconded by Alecea Quintyne. The motion carried with unanimous consent.		
<b>III. APPROVE MINUTES</b>	A motion to pass the 06/10/2020 minutes was made by Dr. Shannon Gordon. The motion was seconded and carried with unanimous consent.		
<b>X. FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	Mike Scribner indicated due to the quick year end a written report was unavailable.		
<b>XI. GOVERNMENT &amp; PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE</b>	<p>Devin Krecl reported the legislative session came to an end on June 26, highlighted pertinent items (HB216, SB166, HB888, and HB918/HB946/HB991/SB313) and referred members to the wrap-up report released. Although some of the Subcommittees have resumed meetings, the BH Commission meetings were on hold during the pandemic and there is no indication of when those will resume. With Chairman Tanner running for Congress, there has been discussion that Katie Dempsey may serve as the new Chair. Members were referred to the letter pertaining to the protection of health insurance access for employees affected by COVID-19. Customized letters of support have already been sent by Rep. Cooper, Rep. Silcox, Sen. Kirkpatrick, former HHS Secretary, Tom Price and others across GA. No action would be required by the membership as customized letters are being crafted by a copywriter with the DC Advocacy Group. MAG, GHA, Realtors Association are other groups in GA which are/have sent letters to Senators Perdue and Loeffler. Following discussion Jennifer Hibbard moved for GACSB to approve a customized letter of support be crafted by the Advocacy Group for President Bishop’s signature. Motion seconded by Fabio van der Merwe and carried without dissent. Devin further noted that the Broadband Bill passed and will be providing approx. \$100Billion to areas of underserved communities to ensure connectivity during the pandemic. Robyn Garrett reported on “National Council Hill Day at Home” and will be releasing three “ask” documents (\$38.5 BH provider emergency funds, National Suicide Hotline by dialing 988, and funding allowing law enforcement officers to partner with BH organizations for community engagement). National Council has met with HHS to walkthrough Medicaid and Medicare relief funding portals’ challenges/burdens and it has been shared that HHS is looking at another relief funding opportunity for providers who have not received up to 2% of their patient revenue.</p>		

<b>XII. COVID-19 UPDATE</b>	<p>Public Health State of Emergency-it is believed the Governor will continue to extend the date for contractual and procurement purposes. It is rumored that the Federal level emergency date will also be extended. Currently Georgia's Public Health Emergency ends on August 11<sup>th</sup> while the Federal State of Emergency ends July 25<sup>th</sup>. Robyn will share the article(s) regarding HHS's current national public health emergency expiration date of July 25. In response to member comments, it was shared that Senator Bill Cassidy is spearheading the continuation of telehealth for high risk communities. Members reminded that invoices for previous PPE purchases have been distributed and GACSB continues efforts to obtain additional items for the collective. Robyn reminded members that the National Council is now offering a procurement opportunity as well. Centene/Peach State Health Plan will be donating 200 masks per CSB but delivery date is not yet known. Robyn provided a brief recap regarding the CareSource donation and following discussion Jennifer Hibbard moved to utilize the grant to evenly offset the membership's National Council Membership Dues. Motion seconded by Dr. Shannon Gordon and carried without dissent. Robyn Garrett will be requesting a video platform meeting with DOAS to discuss the erroneous aging reports associated with CSBs. Members who have not received their FY21 BH or IDD letters or have questions were asked to reach out to Robyn Garrett or contact DBHDD division leads directly rather than programmatic officers. DBHDD has indicated MRL CAP details are expected to go out soon. There has not be any guidance regarding a possible MRL increase, specific to the additional core dollars. GACSB small leadership group is drafting a one pager re. Appendix K to show a timeline of communication and guidelines which led to providers' current challenges as well as the individuals or families served. The group will be requesting additional allowances and waivers (timely filing, audits) during next Tuesday's joint meeting with DBHDD leadership. Dr. Shannon Gordon shared that River Edge BH is a member of Mental Health Corporation of America. On that group's call yesterday, it was announced North Carolina and Massachusetts have secured from their states permission to bill for some of the services/costs providers are providing as reimbursable at this time. Robyn Garrett will follow up with colleagues in North Carolina and Massachusetts. Members were informed that CMS released Appendix K FAQ/guidelines last week which indicate the retainer is service days and not calendar days as it relates to an individual's ISP. A PIMS written response has also been received regarding this matter but additional confirmation is required from DBHDD and DCH. Additional information forthcoming from DCH/DBHDD after further communication with CMS regarding retainer payment guidelines which may be drastically different from DBHDD's June 24<sup>th</sup> guidelines as presented during their webinar with providers.</p>		
<b>XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	<p><i>Administrative Ops</i>-Melanie Dallas. Robyn Garrett referred members to the released report/minutes.  <i>Clinical Ops</i>-Dr. Mark Johnson. The MH group has been attempting to obtain some consistency on the ASO audits and hopes Monica Johnson can join them in August for further discussion. Rachel McCrickard with MOTIVO is also being invited to discuss remote supervision opportunities. Reopening programs, training, telephonic/teleweb service comparisons, and budget shortfalls remain in cue. The Medical Directors continue to meet monthly, with current focus being on different infection control measures, use of telemedicine, and obtaining PPE from various sources. Noted that the "show" rate has been good as support staff have been successful filling appointments and reduction of lost time being mitigated due to no travel time between clinics. Looking at a clinically safe number for a board-certified psychiatrist to supervise, as well as, ensuring nurse practitioners and physician assistants having access to a backup psychiatrist when a collaborating psychiatrist is unavailable. IDD group determining safety measures for reopening and focusing on Appendix K.  <i>Data Analytics</i>-Dr. Glyn Thomas. Members referred to written report. Tammy Conlin, the group's new Vice Chair and Robyn have a meeting scheduled to discuss the group's agenda for August 6<sup>th</sup>.  <i>Education &amp; Individual Advocacy</i>-Dana Glass. Robyn Garrett reported the Committee's meeting has been pushed to July 13<sup>th</sup> and will be looking at dates and topics for the repurposed Educational Exchange. The negotiations are underway with the venue to transfer the 2020 agreement to possibly 2021. A correspondence will be released to vendors regarding the new partnership opportunities and to the members regarding reservation cancellations.  <i>Public Image &amp; Policy</i>-Cindy Levi. Two of the BH Commission Subcommittees (Hospital/Short Term Care and Workforce/System Development) have met but no actions have been taken. It appears the meetings are being used as a learning opportunity at this time.</p>		
<b>XIV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>	<p>Sergeant Bishop reported that following the Executive Committee interview panel sessions held earlier this week, Master Sergeant Jesse Hambrick will be joining the group effective July 27<sup>th</sup> in a Deputy Director capacity for GACSB.</p>		
<b>XV. BOARD COMMENT</b>	<p>There was no board comment.</p>		
<b>XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<p>No public participants identified themselves or provided comment.</p>		
<b>XVII. NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>Members voiced their preference to hold the August 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting via Zoom Platform v/s in person at River Edge.</p>		
<b>XVIII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:41AM was presented and passed with unanimous consent.</p>		
<b>XIX. CHAIR</b>	<p>Judge Joe Bishop</p>	<p><b>RECORDER:</b></p>	<p>Lyly Trinh</p>