



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 – 10:00AM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>					
	Chair – President Judge Joe Bishop, Aspire	X	GA Pines – Larry Nichols	X	Pineland – Armenda Barnes
X	Vice Chair – Kent Woerner, Avita	X	Gateway – Dr. Mark Johnson	X	River Edge – Dr. Shannon Terrell Gordon
X	Advantage – Tammy Conlin		Haralson (Non-voting) – Melody Harpe	X	River Edge – Ray Bennett
X	Advantage – David Kidd	X	Highland Rivers – Melanie Dallas	X	Unison BH – Dr. Glyn Thomas
X	Aspire – Dana Glass		Highland Rivers – Pending		Unison BH – Lowell Williamson
X	Avita – Cindy Levi	X	Legacy BHS – Pam Cartwright	X	Serenity – Charles (Chuck) Williamson
X	Cobb – Melanie Dallas	X	Legacy BHS – Connie Graham		Serenity – Pending
	Cobb – Dr. Carol Holtz	X	Lookout Mountain – Dr. Tom Ford	X	Viewpoint Health – Jennifer Hibbard
X	Clayton –Dr. Lee Adams		Lookout Mountain – Judge J. McCormick	X	Viewpoint Health – Bernie Marinelli
	Clayton – Khadijah Works	X	McIntosh Trail – Stefanie Jackson	X	Capitol Strategy Group – Travis Lindley
X	CSB Middle GA – Denise Forbes	X	McIntosh Trail – Sandra Haisten	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
X	DeKalb – Alecea Quintyne	X	Oconee – Tyrone Evans	X	GACSB – Robyn Garrett
	Douglas – Monraye Lightford		Oconee – Emily Davis	X	GACSB – Jesse Hambrick
	Douglas - Pending		Pathways – Jade Benefield		GACSB – Lyly Trinh
X	Fulton – LaTrina Foster		Pathways - Pending		
X	GA Pines – RJ Hurn	X	Pineland – June DiPolito		
<b>GUESTS:</b>					
<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> GACSB Board Agenda 09/09/2020, GACSB Board Meeting Minutes 08/12/2020, Admin Ops Comm. Minutes 07-2020, Data Analytics Comm. 09-2020 Report, Financial Report 09-2020					
<b>I. WELCOME</b>	Vice Chair Kent Woerner called the meeting to order at 10:11am.				
<b>II. APPROVE AGENDA</b>	A motion to pass the 09/09/2020 agenda was made by Tyrone Evans. Motion was seconded by Melanie Dallas and carried with unanimous consent.				
<b>III. PREAMBLE/INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Vice Chair Kent Woerner read the preamble and GACSB Values Statement. There were no introductions to be made.				
<b>IV. APPROVE MINUTES</b>	A motion to pass the 08/12/2020 minutes was made by Alecea Quintyne. Motion was seconded by RJ Hurn and carried with unanimous consent.				
<b>X. FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	Chuck Williamson, Treasurer, provided the September Financial Report. A motion to accept the September Report was made by Dr. Mark Johnson. Motion seconded by June DiPolito and carried without dissent.				
<b>XI. GOVERNMENT &amp; PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE</b>	<p>Travis Lindley reported that legislators are waiting to start the 2021 legislative session and are focusing on the budget. Travis noted that the Executive Office and Government Affairs Team will be getting with the Public Image and Policy Committee to develop a legislative agenda for the board to consider. Travis noted that there are several tight races in the House and Senate and cannot give any opinion on outcome of the elections. Devin explained that the PHE is continuing and will likely be continued for the remainder of the year. The Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission has not indicated when they will meet again but the Workforce and System Development sub-committee has a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month and he will forward this information to the Executive Office so that this can be watched virtually. Also he received an email from the federal level and HHS had provided a report at the POTUS direction on rural healthcare, which will be provided to the Executive Office. Cathalene provided information on national and local unemployment rates. She also explained that the federal funding for all federal agencies is expected to expire September 30<sup>th</sup> and Congress and the White House are working to avoid a shutdown by separating the COVID-19 relief bill from a bill to continue funding the federal government. She also noted that the GOP has released their targeted relief package as it relates to COVID. From that there is 259 Billion dollars of the CARES Act that remains unallocated. The new package creates a second round of PPP with a new application that shows revenue loss according to the IRS requirements. It will be 2.5 times the average monthly payroll cost with a max of two million dollars. There is a simplified forgiveness process for those receiving a loan of under</p>				

	<p>\$250,000.00 and an expanded unemployment benefit of \$300 a month until December 27<sup>th</sup>. The bill will be forwarded to the Executive Office. Travis concluded that there were two final comments, one being that Governor Kemp was planning on a special session but there is no indication yet of when that would be, and that the information that they are hearing is that there will be no further budget cuts. State revenue was down over the summer and waiting for the August revenue numbers.</p>
<p><b>XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS</b></p>	<p><u>Administrative Ops</u>-Melanie Dallas. Melanie stated that the meeting minutes were attached for review. She stated that there had been multiple meetings where there had not been a quorum, and that there was not much more to be covered that could not be read in the minutes. She requested that if there was anything that the board wanted addressed to please let her know.</p> <p><u>Clinical Ops</u>-Dr. Mark Johnson began by saying that he wanted to request direction from the board members but first wanted to recap various items from the last clinical ops meeting and reminded the board that the minutes should be sent out tomorrow from that meeting. He discussed a national referral program for behavioral health that is called Quartet and that the referrals would come from Quarter then to providers like Peach State. He then stated that there was also discussion in the recent meeting about CCBHC model and the preparedness of each CSB in the process with MTM to be working towards the CCBHC model. Dr. Johnson explained that this is what lead to the request for direction that he was needing from the board. His request was for guidance on the various groups that report to the Clinical Ops Committee and how they might be refocused or used to further assist in the CCBHC shift. Jennifer Hibbard also interjected that she would like to know what could be done to get more participation on the calls. Fabio van der Merwe suggested reducing the time of the calls from the 3 hour norm. Dr. Thomas suggested that the group be given some specific questions in the near future to focus on about the transfer to CCBHC. Melanie Dallas also suggested that the work groups reporting to Clinical Ops be given more direction on what to focus on through information provided by the Clinical Ops Committee. Dr. Johnson agreed and said this would focus the CSBs as a team versus individual efforts. Tyrone Evans stated that things that are easily aligned for the transfer to CCBHC should be identified as well as the challenges that CSBs will face and prepare them to work on those.</p> <p><u>Data Analytics</u>-Dr. Glyn Thomas noted that the written report is available for review. He noted that there is a continued erosion of I/DD waiver clients and this needs to be monitored. He then had an ask for CEOs to begin deciding which names of various programs needed to be separated out for individual reports on the Organizational Climate staff survey. He noted that this would allow them to see how each program was responding to the survey and needed to be submitted by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Thomas also suggested that if a group was identified that there needed to be at least 25 staff in that group for the survey to work effectively.</p> <p><u>Education &amp; Individual Advocacy</u>-Dana Glass noted that the meeting was moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month so no formal report to provide on this date. Robyn Garrett noted that there were two virtual peer staff calls hosted by the Spring Fling planning committee and these calls were very exciting. She also noted that there were plans for some of the things normally held at Spring Fling to be held virtually.</p> <p><u>Public Image &amp; Policy</u>-Cindy Levi noted that two sub committees had met since the last meeting and the report on those was as follows: the workforce and system development subcommittee met August 24<sup>th</sup> and the main topic was on loan repayment programs and the big takeaway was that there are 77 counties in Georgia without practicing psychiatrists and 18 counties that do not have practicing family medicine physicians. She stated that there was a lot of discussion about loan repayment for rural areas. There is a loan repayment application at <a href="http://www.healthcareworkforce.ga.gov">www.healthcareworkforce.ga.gov</a>. Their website also has a map of eligible counties. The other committee that met since last meeting was the hospital and short term care subcommittee that met on August 27<sup>th</sup> and focused on mental health parity. A presentation was made by Mary Saulter, who presented on a case study and shared the steps she took to get Tennessee legislation passed on healthcare parity. There was also a presentation by Helen Robinson regarding public policy and mental health and potential missteps.</p>
<p><b>XIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b></p>	<p>Robyn Garrett provided the Executive Director's report and started with noting that everyone on the board was invited to the weekly CEO calls and that there was also a slide deck used during the weekly meetings now that is available. She also noted that a lot of research has been conducted on Rapid Testing for COVID by Jesse Hambrick in the Executive Office. Information on the Public Health Emergency will be provided to the board the next time that it is extended and it is continuing in two week increments. The Provider Relief fund update is that there is no initial provider funds in what the GOP has released. Negotiations are continuing and more will be released to the board as it is obtained. There is an opportunity for congressional advocacy strategy by the Executive Office concerning the continuation of retainer payments as part of Appendix K through the duration of the pandemic. Vice President Woerner called for a formal motion by the board in order for the Executive Office to engage in this legislative strategy and advocacy on behalf of the board. A motion was made by Dr. Glyn Thomas and was seconded by Bernie Marinelli with no opposition. Robyn Garrett then went on to</p>

	explain that good news has been received that DBHDD has stated that they will continue 1/12th payment for core dollars through December 2020 and that each CSB will receive an increase of 5% on top of current MRL. In addition, there are 12 CSBs that will be receiving an equitable bump in addition to the 5%. The 5% will be in one lump sum payment in October and the equitable bump payment will be a 1/9th payment in addition to the 5% increase that will spread over October, November, and December. Robyn Garrett concluded with news that the contract with Chateau Elan had been successfully terminated with no financial obligation to the board.		
<b>XIV. BOARD COMMENT</b>	There was no board comment.		
<b>XV. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	No public participants identified themselves or provided comment.		
<b>XVI. NEXT MEETING</b>	A motion was made to continue hosting virtual meetings through the remainder of the calendar year by Dr. Shannon Gordon. That motion was seconded by Melanie Dallas and carried without dissent.		
<b>XVII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	A motion to adjourn was made by R.J. Hurn and was seconded by Ray Bennett and carried without dissent.		
<b>XVIII. CHAIR</b>	Kent Woerner	<b>RECORDER:</b>	Jesse Hambrick