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| **MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: *X - Denotes Attendance*** | | | | | | | | |
| **X** | Chair/President – Kent Woerner, Avita | |  | GA Pines– Larry Nichols | | **X** | Pineland– June DiPolito | |
| **X** | Vice Chair/Vice President – Alecea Quintyne, DeKalb | |  | Haralson(Non-voting) – Jamie Brown | | **X** | Pineland– Armenda Barnes | |
| **X** | Advantage– Tammy Conlin | |  | Highland Rivers– Melanie Dallas | | **X** | River Edge – Dr. Shannon Terrell Gordon | |
| **X** | Advantage– David Kidd | |  | Highland Rivers– Pending | |  | River Edge – Ray Bennett | |
| **X** | Aspire– Dana Glass | |  | Legacy BHS– Pam Cartwright | | **X** | Serenity BHS – Charles Williamson | |
|  | Aspire – Judge Joe Bishop | |  | Legacy BHS– Connie Graham | |  | Serenity BHS - Pending | |
| **X** | Avita– Cindy Levi | | **X** | Lookout Mountain– Rick Solmon (Proxy) | | **X** | Unison BH – Dr. Glyn Thomas | |
| **X** | Clayton–Dr. Lee Adams | |  | Lookout Mountain– Judge J. McCormick | | **X** | Unison BH – Lowell Williamson | |
| **X** | Clayton– Khadijah Works | |  | McIntosh Trail – Kenyatta Walker | | **X** | Viewpoint Health – Jennifer Hibbard | |
|  | Cobb– Melanie Dallas | | **X** | McIntosh Trail – Sandra Haisten | |  | Viewpoint Health – Lynette Howard | |
|  | Cobb– Dr. Carol Holtz | | **X** | Middle Flint – Angela S. Holt | |  | Capitol Strategy Group – Travis Lindley | |
| **X** | CSB Middle GA– Denise Forbes | | **X** | Middle Flint – Dr. David Haigler | | **X** | Capitol Strategy Group – Devin Krecl | |
|  | CSB Middle GA– Judi Davis | | **X** | New Horizons – Andrea Winston | |  | Capitol Strategy Group – Cathalene Teahan | |
| **X** | DeKalb– Fabio van der Merwe | |  | New Horizons – David Ranieri | | **X** | GACSB– Mike Scribner | |
|  | Douglas – Monraye Lightford | | **X** | Oconee – Tyrone Evans | | **X** | GACSB– Robyn Garrett | |
|  | Douglas – Pending | |  | Oconee – Emily Davis | | **X** | GACSB – Jesse Hambrick | |
| **X** | Gateway– Dr. Mark Johnson | |  | Pathways– Jade Benefield | |  | GACSB– Cameron Vickers | |
| **X** | GA Pines– RJ Hurn | |  | Pathways – Pending | | **X** | GACSB – Lyly Trinh | |
| **GUESTS**: Haralson-Julie Newsom, Legacy - Julie | | | | | | | | |
| **DISTRIBUTION:**  GACSB Board Agenda 08/17/21, GACSB Board Meeting Minutes 07/14/21, Financial Report 08-2021, Education and Individual Advocacy Committee Minutes 08/02/21, Bylaw Amendment Draft, Proposed Bylaw Amendment Summary, Executive Directors Report 08-2021 | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **Welcome** | | Kent Woerner, President, called the regular meeting to order at 10:04am. The preamble and GACSB Values Statement were read aloud. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Approve Agenda** | | A motion to pass the 08/17/2021 agenda was made by June DiPolito. Motion was seconded by Fabio van der Merwe and carried without opposition. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Approve Minutes** | | A motion to pass the 07/14/2021 minutes was made by Lowell Williamson. Motion was seconded by Alecea Quintyne and carried without opposition. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Government & Public Affairs Update** | | Devin Krecl reported the census data has recently been downloaded to the state and ties into the special session slated the first or second week of November for redistricting. CSG has begun work towards the 2022 Legislative Agenda and will be working with the GACSB Executive Office and Cindy Levi in the near future to set a PIP Committee meeting prior to the next GACSB Board of Directors meeting. Governor Kemp held a COVID-19 update press conference yesterday afternoon, mainly encouraging vaccination and encouraged the Federal Government to have FDA approve vaccinations. DCH roughly has $125M to help with the workforce shortages within the state, focusing mainly on the rural area hospitals. DCH met last week to discuss the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) redesign program, containing several enhancements such as the expansion of the diabetes prevention program with no expected changes to deductibles (examples: UHC and Keiser). Robyn Garrett added that DBHDD and DCH are working with the Budget process, but State Departments have been instructed by OPB to present flat budgets. | | | | | | |
| 1. **FINANCIAL REPORT** | | Chuck Williamson provided the August Financial Report. A motion to accept the report was made by David Kidd. Motion seconded by R.J. Hurn and carried without dissent. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Proposed Amendment to Bylaws** | | Members were reminded the Association’s Bylaws Amendment was presented last month and it will create a standing Committee specific to I/DD. A poll was released for membership voting and 2/3rd approval was obtained. One member, R.J Hurn, abstained. It was announced Cindy Levi will serve as the Committee’s Chair, Jennifer Hibbard will serve as the Vice-Chair for the first year, while David Kidd will be serving as the new Chair for the Public Image and Policy Committee. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Committee Reports** | | Administrative Ops- Deferred as both Chair and Vice Chair were unavailable.  Clinical Ops- Dr. Mark Johnson stated the Committee continues to work on the CCBHC pieces. The members may reference the minutes for additional details.  Data Analytics- Dr. Glyn Thomas indicated the minutes are pending release from the GACSB office. The preliminary I/DD waiver survey results are in. An ongoing concern is that the numbers of individuals served by CSBs continue to decline. The Committee will present the data to IDD directors, identifying those that have been able to maintain or increase their numbers so that a possible training session can be provided. The GACSB Team was thanked for the additional “Current Task Due” feature on the Members Only Section of the website. The Committee recognizes the need, in preparation for CCBHCs, for accurate data on cost and revenue for each service provided. The Committee brought forth a motion to have GACSB contract with MTM to complete a Costing study for all CSBs in the coming year. An invitation to participate on a demonstration session will be extended to members not currently participating in the SPQM initiative.  Education & Individual Advocacy- Dana Glass reported the Committee met on August 2nd. Jesse Hambrick stated that with leadership’s support, one of the challenges of engaging the various CSB program staff and consumers has been remedied. The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month and the agenda incorporates an educational piece in addition to a talent or creative activity. Dana Glass reported that planning of the Educational Exchange has seen a lot of movement. The event is scheduled for November 7-9, 2021 and the theme that has been selected is “Educate, Inform, and Empower”. The Committee is excited to present a robust agenda to the members, although a couple of the IDD speaker sessions remain to be filled. Sessions will focus on board education, self-care, trauma informed care, CCBHC education, and IT Care. The conference will wrap up with a Strategic Planning session for board members. The Committee’s next meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021.  Public Image & Policy- Cindy Levi provided the following highlights related to the BH Reform and Innovation Commission: the subcommittee on Mental Health Courts and Corrections and Involuntary Commitment held a meeting on August 10, 2021 with two presentations. DBHDD focused on the approved supports/services under the block grant COVID supplemental funds, the ARPA proposal which has not been approved, and then the workforce shortages in which CSBs are facing. The Council of State Governments Justice Center presented on helping communities build comprehensive healthcare systems for people in the justice system, exploration of funding for mental health, substance use, and crisis intervention in addition to BH training funding for public safety officers and first responders in remote communities. Reduce Criminal Justice involvement overall for people with behavioral health needs, looking at cross system diversion strategies and practices and fully leveraging community resources. Exploring funding to ensure responses are locally driven. It was shared that through a conversation with Chairman Kevin Tanner, it has been indicated that the Commission’s recommendations are a priority with Speaker Ralston. The Omnibus Bill is still being edited and with legal counsel for review and determining the budget process. A press conference is expected announcing the Bill.  Executive Director’s Report-Robyn Garrett brought forth a 2-year renewal proposal from CSG. The consultation fee will remain the same and there is a clause built in to the two year contract, should it be signed, allowing a 2-week notice without cause termination by either party in the contract. In response to a member’s question, it was stated that CSG has connections across party lines and a possible change within state leadership is not expected to impact the members efforts. A motion was made by David Kidd to proceed with the execution of the 2-year agreement. The motion was seconded by Lowell Williamson and carried without dissent. Jesse Hambrick and Robyn Garrett reviewed the Executive Director’s Report PowerPoint. At a member’s request, Jesse Hambrick will research and report to the membership if the September 3, 2021 holiday will apply to CSBs. Members agreed, unless an existing CSB’s Board Meeting was scheduled, that the GACSB Executive office would request a September and October meeting with Commissioner Fitzgerald in preparation for the groups Strategic Planning event. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Board or Public Comment** | | No further comments provided. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Next Meeting & Adjournment** | | Members reminded the next Board of Directors meeting is schedule via Zoom on Wednesday, September 9, 2021 at 10:00AM and the group’s Strategic Planning Retreat has been rescheduled to November 9-10, 2021 following the Educational Exchange. | | | | | | |
| 1. **Chair** | | Kent Woerner | | | **RECORDER:** | | | Lyly Trinh |