



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS  
INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMITTEE**  
August 26, 2024  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES



<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>			
X	Chair- Cindy Levi - Avita	X	Legacy – Jackie Murphy
	Vice Chair- Jennifer Hibbard – View Point	X	Bridge Health- Melissa Fouts
X	Advantage- Erin Ray	X	McIntosh Trail- Amanda Brown (Sharon Henley- Proxy)
X	Aspire- Caroline Chandler	X	Middle Flint- Kerri Roberts
X	Avita- Rae Ann Straub	X	New Horizons- JoAnn Mosley
	Clayton Center – Paula Tyler		Oconee- Pending
X	CSB of Middle Georgia- Stephen Smith		Pathways- Jade Benefield
X	Dekalb- Larry Fuller SUBBING IN Lisa Charles		Pineland- June DiPolito
	Douglas County – Gale Walton		River Edge- Greta O’Dell
	Gateway – Rufus Johnson	X	Serenity- Laurie Bradford
X	Georgia Pines- Christine M. Mayer	X	Unison- Belydia McCarty (Sabrina Tutem- Proxy)
X	Highland Rivers- Dena Payne	X	View Point Health- Sayon Cooper
<b>GUESTS: Brenda Albertson (Highland Rivers), Melissa Fouts (Bridge Health), Michael Foust (Avita)</b>			
<b>DISTRIBUTION: IDD Ops 07/29/2024 Draft Minutes, Agenda for 8/26/24</b>			

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/ Resolution</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>Welcome/Call To Order</b>	Chair, Cindy Levi, called the virtual meeting to order at 11:01 AM.			
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	A motion to approve the 08/26/2024 Agenda was made by Dena Payne, second by Keri Roberts and passed without opposition.			
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion to approve the 07/29/2024 Minutes was made by Dena Payne and second by Amanda Brown. It passed without opposition or discussion.			
<b>Statewide Initiatives</b>	<b><i>I/DD Trade Association Meeting-</i></b> September 20 <sup>th</sup> is their next meeting and therefore there is nothing to report.  <b><i>I/DD Provider Mtg Recap:</i></b> Cindy Levi gave an overview of the DBHDD PowerPoint Presentation and asked some general questions to the group. Erin Ray shared she asked many questions during the provider meeting and obtained one good answer regarding letting individuals say no. Cindy reiterated that it is our obligation to educate them and let them choose. If the choice is not so good, we need to document it. Kerri Roberts discussed the visitation policy and having specific hours, which, may not be permitted in the manual. The guardian			

	<p>doesn't have much choice in disallowing visitation. PIMS is a good place to get written answers and keep them for potential audits. Lastly, how to handle visitors was discussed and especially ideas about staying overnight.</p> <p>Cindy updated the group about the IDD rates and potential provider manual updates in October. She shared that there cannot be any decreases in rates due to ARPA regulations. DBHDD has committed to reducing administrative burdens on billing and taking notes. Erin Ray reached out to PIMS on ratio hiring without any response so far.</p> <p>Quality Enhancement Reviews had a few updates that Cindy shared. A new "Community Life" scoring area was added. ASO Management Resources provided an additional website and links to review past reviews and audit tools.</p> <p>Cindy summarized by stating it was one of the better provider meetings with good information. Kerri Roberts enjoyed the virtual option.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Tanner Update:</b> Cindy shared they discussed BH rates during the CEO meeting earlier today. Those BH rates were not submitted until early August and we are waiting for those rates to be approved retro to July 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope these implementations will go much quicker since there are less nuances being implemented than IDD. Tanner says he doesn't anticipate a long ramp up with the BH rates.</p> <p>The also discussed Pathways to coverage through the SEP.</p> <p>A third topic was CCBHC implementation. There were some grant opportunities that were discussed outside of SAMHSA funds. We will look into these via National Council.</p>			
<b>CCBHC/NADD Certification Updates:</b>	Erin Ray said that if you replace a person in this certification process that you should email Ray Schneider with the replacement.			
<b>Clinical Ops Committee Update</b>	Did not meet in August and therefore nothing new to report.			
<b>NEW I/DD Rate Conversation</b>	No additional comments from previous comments in the meeting.			

<b>Operational Challenges</b>	<p>HCBS Assessment process is underway. There is a mandatory survey that needs to be completed on all facilities. They are asking to get it done by Monday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. An email went out to sites that were not in operation and to people not currently working. DCH must have pulled out an old email list with old provider numbers. Cindy asked that Commissioner Tanner look at this issue. Questions should be directed to: <a href="mailto:HCBSTransition@DCH.Ga.gov">HCBSTransition@DCH.Ga.gov</a>. Additional information is provided in the DBHDD Special Bulletin distributed via email on 8/21/24. Rae Ann said you can plug in the provider number and see where all the applications were sent to. Any location that has a provider number should have received an assessment. Most have the Now waiver emails but not Comp waivers.</p>			
<b>OTHER</b>	<p>Amanda Brown asked about family support caseloads. Unison has 160 people. Avita has 2 case managers with about 500 cases. Amanda said hers is about 500 too.</p> <p>Reminder- DSP Week is Sept 8-14<sup>th</sup>. GACSB Educational Exchange with an IDD track on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.</p>			
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at Legacy Lodge. There is NO September meeting.</p>			
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.</p>			
<b>Chair:</b>	<p>Cindy Levi</p>	<p>Recorded By: Hariah Hutkowski (Avita)</p>		