



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS
PUBLIC IMAGE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 17, 2025, 8:30 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance					
X	Chair- Melanie Dallas – Highland Rivers		Pineland – June DiPolito		
X	Vice Chair- David Kidd - Advantage	X	Unison – Tiffany Henderson		
X	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	Debbie Varnes		
X	Claratel- Alecea Quintyne	X	Kristin Woodlock		
X	Claratel- Fabio van der Merwe				
X	Highland Rivers- Mike Mullet				
	Middle Flint – Angela Holt				
GUESTS: None					
DISTRIBUTION: PIP 1/17/25 Agenda, PIP 1/10/25 Minutes					

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Resolution	Responsibility	Due Date
Welcome/Preamble	Melanie called the virtual meeting to order at 8:34 AM.			
Approval of Agenda	A motion to approve the 1/17/2025 agenda was made by David and seconded by Tiffany. Motion carried without dissent.			
Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the 1/10/25 meeting minutes was made by David and seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried without dissent.			
Government and Public Affairs	<p>The members discussed the most recent legislative highlights. The Governor gave his State of the State address. He included tort reform and school safety as his top priorities. He did not provide specifics regarding the small grants for school safety and mental health access. He would not expand Medicaid on his watch but will be adding another group to the Georgia system.</p> <p>Committee assignments were given out to legislators. Community health was being added to the public health committee. Education was needed for the freshman legislators.</p>			

	<p>Next week will be budget hearing week. Bernard and Ellen asked the members to review the budget (https://opb.georgia.gov/budget-information/budget-documents/governors-budget-reports) and provide input on what items might need advocacy.</p> <p>Bernard informed the members he had spoken with a contact about the CMO procurement. It was projected that the lawsuits and challenges would push contracts past July 2026.</p> <p>Melanie informed the members that Senate Bill 5 was up for review (https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/69280). The bill was for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements. The legislation could affect the CSBs. She stated she would contact Senator Kay Kirkpatrick and Senator Chuck Hufstetler to get more clarity on the intent.</p> <p>Jennifer informed the members she met with Brenda Cibulas and was able to discuss the intent of the open authorization project. She also discussed the CSBs top three priorities during the meeting with Brenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will give input on the budget. Senator Kirkpatrick & Senator Hufstetler will be contacted about the intent of SB5. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members Melanie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASAP 1/24/25
BHRIC Update	The Commission's final report has been released.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action required. 		
Other	<p>The members discussed the upcoming DOJ visits to some CSBs. It was suggested that the topic be added to the agenda for the upcoming call with Commissioner Tanner.</p> <p>The members discussed CSB Day at the Capitol. It was decided the members would work to get a resolution on the legislative agenda. There will not be a room set up for breakfast. It will only be a day for the resolution and recognition. CSB leadership will be responsible for getting with their legislators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOJ will be added to the agenda for the call with Commissioner Tanner. Representative Katie Dempsey will be contacted about a possible resolution. Once date is set, members will set up meetings with their legislators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Melanie Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/27/25 1/27/25 TBD

Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2025, at 8:30AM.			
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 AM.			
Vice Chair	Melanie Dallas	Recorded By: Melissa Stone		