



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS  
PUBLIC IMAGE AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 7, 2025, 8:30 AM  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**



<b>MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE: X - Denotes Attendance</b>					
X	Chair- Melanie Dallas – Highland Rivers	X	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	Proxy – Michael Foust - Avita		
X	Highland Rivers- Mike Mullet				
X	Middle Flint – Angela Holt				
<b>GUESTS: None</b>					
<b>DISTRIBUTION: PIP 2/7/25 Agenda, PIP 1/31/25 Minutes</b>					

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Resolution	Responsibility	Due Date
<b>Welcome/Preamble</b>	Melanie called the virtual meeting to order at 8:32AM.			
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	A motion to approve the 2/7/2025 agenda was made by Dana and seconded by June. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A motion to approve the 1/31/25 meeting minutes was made by Dana and seconded by June. Motion carried without dissent.			
<b>Government and Public Affairs</b>	The members discussed the joint hearing on school safety. GEMA and the Department of Education were part of the conversation. It might be beneficial to make a connection with GEMA as a resource. The Commissioner spoke in the hearing about the programs offered by CSBs (APEX, Clubhouse, etc.). He also spoke about the continuing shortage of clinicians. It was requested that he come back in the future to present more information on the staffing shortage. Dana informed the PIP members that the BHRIC subcommittee was also working on strategies around school safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education on APEX program for consultants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melanie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2/14/25</li> </ul>

	<p>The members discussed HB268 ( <a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/69929">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/69929</a> ). Jennifer stated the bill mentioned the use of telehealth. View Point ran into road blocks regarding using telehealth and Wi-Fi in a school system. The school had liability concerns.</p> <p>The members discussed methods for tracking legislation and keeping members up to date. The information needed to be concise and focused. A shared repository for the information was suggested. The members discussed different ways to share the information.</p> <p>The members discussed tort reform. Alecea informed the members she reached out to GACSB legal counsel for input. The guidance was sent to Melanie for review. Legal counsel was open to meeting to discuss in more detail if needed.</p> <p>The members discussed the open records bill. It had passed out of the Senate. Any non-profit receiving more than 33.3% of funding from tax dollars is also considered a state agency for open records purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a legislation repository</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/14/25</li> </ul>
<b>ICE Discussion</b>	The topic was not discussed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>Parity Discussion</b>	Ellen and Bernard did not have a chance to get an update on parity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on parity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernard and Ellen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/14/25</li> </ul>
<b>BHRIC Update</b>	The topic was not discussed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>Other</b>	The members discussed recent presidential executive orders and the possible impact on CCBHC grants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action required.</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2025, at 8:30AM.			
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.			
<b>Chair</b>	Melanie Dallas	Recorded By: Melissa Stone		