



**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS
PUBLIC IMAGE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 12, 2024, 9:00AM
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		
X	Avita – Cindy Levi	X	Consultant – Bernard Reynolds		
	Avita- Kent Woerner	X	Debbie Varnes		
X	Claratel- Alecea Quintyne				
X	Claratel- Fabio van der Merwe				
X	Highland Rivers- Mike Mullet				
X	Middle Flint – Angela Holt				
GUESTS: None					
DISTRIBUTION: PIP 11/12/2024 Agenda, PIP 09/10/2024 Minutes					

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Resolution	Responsibility	Due Date
Welcome/Preamble	Melanie Dallas called the virtual meeting to order at 9:02 AM.			
Approval of Agenda	A motion to approve the 11/12/2024 agenda was made by Fabio and seconded by Angela. Motion carried without dissent.			
Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the 9/10/2024 meeting minutes was made by Alecea and seconded by Fabio. Motion carried without dissent.			
Government and Public Affairs	<p>The members discussed pressing issues in governmental and public affairs. The issues included 1) duty to warn and 2) the GACSB strategic priorities. The strategic priorities included sustainability and funding, access to care, and the CCBHC movement.</p> <p>The conversation delved into the complexities of duty to warn legislation that could increase liability for providers, with Fabio urging caution in advocacy efforts. Alecea stated she had some people come up to her at the educational exchange expressing concerns about the topic. It was important to have a conversation since it was brought up by association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen and Bernard will monitor other organizations and legislation to determine whether the duty to warn legislation is an issue and if so, the PIP committee will be notified to provide support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen and Bernard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing

	<p>members. Melanie proposed exploring partnerships with organizations like the Georgia Commission on Family Violence to address these concerns. Ellen suggested putting the topic down for monitoring and support. It was agreed that Ellen and Bernard would scan the landscape and analyze the players. A motion was made by Fabio and seconded by Tammy to continue to monitor other organizations and legislation to determine whether the topic was an issue and if so, the PIP committee will be notified to provide support.</p> <p>Bernard provided insights into the recent election results in Georgia, highlighting a potential shift in legislative priorities and the significance of tort reform in the upcoming session. The members also discussed the challenges of securing funding for various initiatives amidst competing priorities, such as hurricane relief. Additionally, the members emphasized the need for a clear message regarding the role of community service boards (CSBs) in behavioral health care.</p> <p>The members agreed on the importance of educating legislators and proposed a Zoom call series for legislators to facilitate this engagement. They discussed the need for a unified approach to address misconceptions about services and the inconsistencies in authorization processes among care management organizations.</p> <p>Melanie directed the members to the CCBHC Vision document, GACSB Medicaid Redesign White Paper, and Proposal for Open Authorization on Initial Services document. She proposed forming a subgroup to refine critical elements from the documents related to education and advocacy. The subgroup will be Melanie, Tammy, Fabio, Angela, Dana, and Mike Mullet (HRBH Community Relations Director).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom calls will be set up with legislators to facilitate engagement. • The subgroup will meet to refine the documents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen and Bernard • Subgroup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • 12/6/24
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	Melanie suggested extending the meeting duration during the legislative session. The members agreed to shift the meeting schedule to every Friday from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM during the session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting schedule will be changed to every Friday from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa Stone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/6/24
BHRIC Update	The topic was not discussed.			
Other	There were no other topics brought forward.			
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2024, at 8:30 AM.			
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.			
Chair	Melanie Dallas	Recorded By: Melissa Stone		