

STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2017

Williamsburg Lodge, President Jefferson Board Room
310 S England St, Williamsburg, VA 23185

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present	Paula N. Mitchell Chair , The Hon. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Ph.D., Sandra Price-Stroble, Elizabeth Hilscher, Jack Bruggeman, Jennifer Spangler, Calendria Jones, Moira Mazzi
Members Absent	Dr. James Reinhard
Staff Present	Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director Holly Mortlock, Policy Director Daniel Herr, Assistant Commissioner for Behavioral Health Services
Call to Order and Introductions	At 9:00 a.m. Chair Paula Mitchell called the meeting to order and called for introductions of those present.
Approval of Draft Agenda	The Board unanimously adopted the October 4, meeting agenda.
Approval of Draft Minutes- July 12 meeting	Chair Paula Mitchell recommended technical changes to the minutes. With identified changes, the Board unanimously approved the minutes.
Public Comment	There was no public comment offered.
Hospital Census and Extraordinary Barrier List (EBL)	Daniel Herr presented on DBHDS hospital census and EBL challenges. He discussed how STEP- Virginia, when fully funded/implemented, will rebalance the public behavioral health system towards community based services (thus reducing reliance on state hospital care).
Interim Commissioner's Report	Dr. Barber held a discussion with Board members regarding updates on the DOJ Settlement Agreement, Waiver system updates, behavioral health, and projection of system pressure and costs, and multipronged approach to rebalancing Virginia's behavioral health system towards earlier intervention, versus current crisis orientation, including STEP-Virginia and financial realignment study efforts, workforce challenges, ARTS program.
Regulatory Actions:	Ruth Anne Walker explained the periodic review process and gave a summary of the current regulations.

**General Update
Matrix
Regulatory
Action**

Ms. Walker and other agency staff reviewed regulatory action on licensing of QMHPs, Peer Recovery Specialists, Human Rights, and Public Participation.

The Board unanimously approved all regulatory actions.

Lunch

**Workforce Issues
and Development**

India Sue Ridout delivered a presentation to the Board members on DBHDS system workforce challenges in state hospitals, pertaining to psychiatrists, RNs, DSAs, and strategies DBHDS is employing to recruit and retain critical staff, including loan repayment programs. She also discussed the DBHDS System Lead program, and development of direct support career pathways.

**Office of Recovery
Services Update**

Mary McQuown, MA, CPRS, provided an update on Peer Recovery Specialists in Virginia. Discussion included description of PRS training program, certification and registration processes, and supervision.

Miscellaneous

A. Board Liaison
Reports
2018 Meeting Dates

Beth Hilscher reported that she visited a CSB that will be implementing Same Day Access as of December 1, 2017.

She also visited the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation, and Piedmont Geriatric Hospital.

Moira Mazzi, Jack Bruggeman, and Calendria Jones also informed the Board of their visiting activities in assigned localities and updates from each region.

**Next Meeting
Information**

Board members received proposed meeting dates for 2018. Will Frank asked members to review dates and identify potential issues with proposed dates.

Adjournment

At 4:00pm, Chair Paula Mitchell adjourned the meeting.

