

**STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

October 9, 2014

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
1220 Bank Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Thursday, October 9 REGULAR MEETING

Members Present	Ananda Pandurangi, MD, Chair ; Bonnie Neighbour, Vice Chair ; Thomas J. Kirkup; Sandra Price-Stroble; Col. (Ret.) Anthony Soltys
Members Joined by Conference Call	Gretta Doering; Paula N. Mitchell
Members Absent	Sandra A. Hermann; The Hon. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Ph.D.
Staff Present	Jack Barber, MD, Medical Director Don Darr, Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Meghan McGuire, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Public Affairs Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director Holly Mortlock, Policy Director Charline Davidson, Director, Planning and Development Linda Grasewicz, Assistant Director and Regulatory Coordinator, Office of Planning and Budget Paul Gilding, Community Contracting Director
Others	Terry Hurley, Vice President of Administration & Chief Financial Officer, Community Residences and Affiliates
Call to Order and Introductions	At 10:35 a.m. Chairman Ananda Pandurangi called the meeting to order. A call for introductions took place prior to proceeding.
Public Comment	The Chair called for public comments. No public comments were offered.
Approval of Agenda	The Board unanimously adopted the October 9, 2014 meeting agenda.
Approval of Draft Minutes	The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the July 23, 2014. The minutes were approved.
Commissioner's Report	The Chair introduced and welcomed Dr. Jack Barber, Medical Director, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to give the Commissioner's report. Dr. Barber spoke about the Governor's package of benefits for people with serious mental illness, the interface between new ECO/TDO laws and federal EMTALA laws, medical clearance and pressure on state hospitals. Holly Mortlock, Policy Director, then

presented on the Commissioner's Transformation Team Initiatives.

Budget Update

Don Darr, Assistant Commissioner for Finance and Administration & Technology reported on the 2014-2016 budget and targets for the 5 and 7% budget reduction strategies required by the administration to account for the revenue shortfall.

Lunch Break

The Board took a 10 minute break for lunch and reconvened.

**Wellness
Initiatives/Mental
Health First Aid**

Gail Taylor, Director of Behavioral Health Wellness and Michael Olsen, Suicide Prevention & MHFA Program Coordinator presented on the Virginia Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion, including background information on the Office of Behavioral Health & Wellness, suicide prevention updates and Mental Health First Aid efforts.

**Regulatory Action
General Matrix**

Linda Grasewicz provided a general update on the status of current regulatory action, including human rights and Part C regulations.

Other Business

Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director, made plans for the December 5 meeting. Committees will meet that morning. The afternoon before the meeting, the board decided to meet at a local CIT center at approximately 4 p.m.

**Veterans
Behavioral Health
Services Update**

Brandi Jancaitis, Executive Director, Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) updated the board on current activities of the VWWP, including efforts underway to improve access in the VA system for veterans with behavioral health concerns. Anthony Soltys and Ms. Jancaitis also discussed upcoming meetings including Secretaries Hazel and Harvey to better coordinate efforts.

**Liaison Assignments
& Liaison Reports**

Board members reported on liaison activities since the July meeting. Anthony Soltys submitted a written report. Verbal reports were given by Anthony Soltys, Thomas Kirkup, Ananda Pandurangi and Sandra Price-Stroble.

Board members reviewed liaison assignments and carved out an assignment for Sandra Price-Stroble and reassignments for Gretta Doering and Ananda Pandurangi. The board will continue to review areas where areas are not covered and will offer possible assignment locations to Amelia Ross-Hammond.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Ananda K. Pandurangi, Chair

Meghan McGuire