

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

April 22, 2014

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

Wednesday, April 22

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present	Ananda Pandurangi, MD, Chair ; Bonnie Neighbour, Vice Chair ; Thomas J. Kirkup; Sandra Price-Stroble; Col. (Ret.) Anthony Soltys; Paula N. Mitchell; Sandra A. Hermann; The Hon. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Ph.D.
Members Absent	Gretta Doering
Staff Present	Debra Ferguson, PhD, Commissioner Don Darr, Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director Frank Gallagher, Eastern State Hospital Director Paul Gilding, Community Contracting Director Dee Keenan, Assistant Commissioner, Quality Management & Development Meghan McGuire, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Public Affairs Holly Mortlock, Policy Director
Call to Order and Introductions	At 10:08 a.m. Chairman Ananda Pandurangi called the meeting to order and called for introductions of those present.
Approval of Agenda	The Board unanimously adopted the April 22, 2015 meeting agenda.
Approval of Draft Minutes	The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the December 5, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved.
Public Comment	The Chair called for public comments. No public comments were offered although, Priscilla Scherger, Office of the State Inspector General was present in the audience.
Director's Welcome	Frank Gallagher, Eastern State Hospital Director, welcomed the Board to the hospital and gave background on the hospital's population and programs.
Commissioner's Report	Commissioner Ferguson presented the Board with the recommendations from the four transformation teams, including the teams examining

Adult Behavioral Health, Adult Developmental Services, Children & Adolescent Behavioral Health Services and Services to Individuals Who Are Justice-Involved. The Commissioner also reviewed the plan for the extensive public comment period in May, including the four town hall meetings and the ability for anyone to comment through the DBHDS website. She described next steps for the transformation team process once the public comment period is completed so that the recommendations may be refined and acted upon administratively, budgetarily or legislatively. Commissioner Ferguson invited the Board to review the additional documents posted on the DBHDS website and provide feedback as well as invited them to attend any of the town hall meetings in May. The Commissioner then responded to questions from the Board members on the recommendations. All of the Board members asked questions and many provided additional feedback on the teams' recommendations. Paula Mitchell suggested including a review of public comment into the next meeting and the Board suggested including the comment if appropriate as a topic at its planning retreat in July.

In addition, the Commissioner provided information on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' actions in Virginia with significant impact on the system, particularly at Hancock Geriatric Center at Eastern State Hospital, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital and Catawba Hospital. The Commissioner also discussed the process for establishing the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice, alternative transportation and gave an update on General Assembly action on waiver redesign.

Budget Update

Don Darr, Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration, provided an update on DBHDS budget submissions and responded to questions from Board members.

Lunch Break

The Board took a 20 minute break for lunch and reconvened.

**Legislative
Accountability**

Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director, gave an update on the three DBHDS bills during General Assembly Session, including defining timeframe of updates for the psychiatric bed registry, defining developmental disabilities in the Code of Virginia, and medical temporary detention orders. The Board suggested inviting a representative from the Office of the Attorney General or another expert to attend the July meeting in order to more fully explain the new medical temporary detention order process.

Regulatory Actions

Dee Keenan, Assistant Commissioner, Quality Management & Development, provided an update on the status of current regulatory action, including licensing regulations, human rights regulations, Individual and Family Services (IFSP), sterilization victims compensation, and Part C.

Committee Reports

Holly Mortlock, Policy Director, presented an update on the 9:15 a.m. Policy Committee meeting, including two policies that will be sent out for review, comments and then will be updated: services for persons with co-occurring disorders and the vision/mission statement.

Will Frank, Legislative Affairs Director, presented an update on the 9:15 a.m. Planning & Budget Committee meeting including revising the department's comprehensive plan and critical issues that should be a part of the discussion such as military, MHFA, SUD, coordination with schools, forensic services and prevention services. Dr. Pandurangi asked that Board members send Mr. Frank any suggestions for additional priorities.

**Liaison Assignments
& Liaison Reports**

Board members presented reports of their Board activity since the October Board meeting. Sandra Price Stroble attended the VACSB and had visits to local CSBs and CCCA, Sandy Herman participated in meetings about waiver redesign, Amelia Ross-Hammond spoke about a new camp for veterans, Tony Soltys provided a written report and spoke about an event on the military child and Bridging the Gap veterans services, Paula Mitchell discussed local changes to Alleghany-Highlands CSB to its partnership planning region and a follow-up to a sequential intercept mapping in the region. Dr. Pandurangi had meetings with local CSBs on telepsychiatry and other matters, meetings with local providers and a four-hour meeting on psychosis held in Henrico. Meghan McGuire, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Public Affairs, updated the Board on liaison assignments and said letters would be sent to all CSBs with the spreadsheet of Board liaison assignments.

Bylaws Amendment

Meghan McGuire, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Public Affairs, explained a change in the law that required the Board to express in writing the ability to hold electronic meetings so members may call in by phone as long as a quorum was present in one location and the meeting was properly noticed per FOIA. This notice may be included in the Board's bylaws. A motion was made to pass the bylaws amendment. The amendment was passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Meghan McGuire, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Public Affairs, also let the Board know that ID cards can be issued during the July meeting and explained that the department was reviewing the statewide travel policy.

VACSB Report

Jennifer Faison, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Community Services Board, provided an update on VACSB activities. Also, David Conely, VACSB's new public policy manager, introduced himself to the Board members.

**Next Meeting
Information**

The next meeting will be July 15 (retreat) and July 16 (regular meeting) in Richmond. The remainder of the meetings in 2015 include: October 8, location TBD, and December 8, Richmond. The Board will make the decision on the location for the October meeting at its July meeting, the focus on discussion has been centered on Charlottesville.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Members were then offered to take an optional tour of Eastern State Hospital's Adult Mental Health Treatment Center.