Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Quarterly Council Meeting**

**January 19-20, 2017**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

**M I N U T E S**

Present: June Armour, Katie Chandler, Christine Clark, Dan Crimmins, Viviana Fernandez, Dorothy Harris, Debbie Hibben, Ernest Hopkins, Nandi Issac, Hamida Jinnah, Stephen McGarity, Heidi Moore, Brenda Munoz, Evan Nodvin, Madeline Petrone, Mitzi Proffitt, Lynn Walker

Guest: Elaine Hunter

1. **Information and Announcements:**

Mitzi Proffitt introduced the new **a**dvisory members: June Armour from Athens, Ernest Hopkins from Atlanta, Stephen McGarity from Canresville, Viviana Fernandez from Johns Creek, Christine Clarke from Woodstock and Jennifer Stratton from Brunswick. She also introduced new staff members Shane Ellis (Fiscal Analyst) and Kate Brady will become the GCDD Deputy Director on February 1.

Mitzi Proffitt asked for a moment of silence to remember Dottie Adams who passed away on December 27, 2016.

1. Member Sharing. During member sharing Mitzi Proffitt broadcast via Facebook Live.
2. Legislative Update

Dawn Alford and Hanna Rosenfeld gave an update on the legislative session and those issues GCDD is working on.

1. Dan Howell

Dan Howell, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities gave an update on several things happening at the Division. He discussed that the Division is working to get their message out to individuals and families through social media, FAQs and other forms. Mr. Howell will be the DBHDD representative to GCDD.

The Division is working on better organizing and supporting the planning list. Mr. Howell acknowledged that it is difficult to get into the system, apply for services, determine eligibility and receive services. They are working on a plan to make it easier and determine how the State can support people while on the planning list.

The NOW Waiver expires on September 30 and DBHDD needs to submit recommendations to DCH by March 31. They will be hosting ways to allow people to have input. In addition, DBHDD plans to conduct a rate study on support coordination, support employment and day services once the COMP is approved. This will include determining how to best message an increase in supported employment rates.

Dan Howell gave an update on progress for implementing the Department of Justice settlement. He discussed a new provider recruitment plan, 26 people moved from Gracewood in 2016 and the same are expected in 2017, the Office of Health and Wellness is working on the High Risk Surveillance List and there are plans for a statewide clinical oversight process to be ready by June 30, he discussed the new process for support coordination, brought in 4 new agencies, and lowered caseloads for both regular support coordination (40) and intensive support coordination (20), finally they are working on the crisis system and moving people out some of whom have been there for over a year.

1. Sean Casey

Sean Casey, the new Executive Director of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. Mr. Casey began by discussing the Agency’s belief and support for employment first and that everyone can work. There are 40 local offices. Because of WIOA VR is in schools and working with students beginning at age 14. They are working on educating Chambers of Commerce. He needs to learn more about customized employment.

Friday January 15, 2016

1. Old Business 9:00 – 9:30
   1. Consent Agenda Issues

Mitzi Proffitt reminded members that GCDD uses a consent agenda so that we do not spend our time reviewing reports and instead discuss more global issues. It is your responsibility to read the items listed which incorporates minutes, fiscal reports, staff report and other reports that we receive from the programs we support. The items on the consent agenda are:

* Minutes from the October meeting, Debbie Hibben pointed out that her name was left of those present for the October meeting.
* 2015-2016 Program Performance Report submitted to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

**Debbie Hibbben made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Dan Crimmins seconded the motion. The Council members unanimously approved the motion to adopt the consent agenda.**

Mitzi Proffitt announced that Christine Clark will become a member of the Executive Committee representing advisory members.

1. Diversity Part 2

At our last meeting, Brenda Munoz gave presented on the work she has been doing around diversity and disability. You asked that she continue this conversation and how we should proceed as an organization.

1. Inclusive Post Secondary Education

Susanna Miller Raines is with the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University. She has been directing all the work we and others have been doing around inclusive post secondary education. We asked her to come and give us an update on this work and what the future looks like for this effort.

1. Meeting Evaluation
2. Adjourn