Board of Community Health
Meeting
December 9, 2021

Members Present
Norman Boyd
David Crews
Russell Crutchfield
Russ Childers
Anthony Williamson
Nelva Lee
Cynthia Rucker

Members Absent
Kenneth Davis
Roger Folsom

The Board of Community Health held its meeting via Zoom teleconference. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Audit Committee Report

Russ Childers, Chairman of the Audit Committee provided the following update:

- Reviewed the FY2020 Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) corrective action plan, findings and recommendations.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Noggle thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their participation via Zoom.

The following updates were provided to the Board

- Finalized the scope of work with one of our audit firms to engage in Care Management Organization (CMO) contract compliance. Currently, working on a 90-day plan.
• Carl Vinson project kick-off: Identify Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the agency.
• Earlier this year, the Board approved for final adoption the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) Waiver Renewal. After further dialog with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the department resubmitted the waiver without any changes to the service levels as previously submitted.
• Ongoing negotiations continue between two private entities Anthem and Northside. DCH is monitoring.
• CMS issued new guidance to the state requiring coverage of treatment associated with clinical trials, effective January 1, 2022.
• Extended appreciation and thanks to the workgroup partners (GA for Voices Children’s Group, GA Alliance of Therapeutic Services which include the six PRTF facilities in the state, managed care partners (Peach state, CareSource and Amerigroup) focus on how we serve youth in a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). As of today, within the managed care program, there is a standardized initial length of stay authorization for any admission into a PRTF of 30 days.
• Recognition for employees’ 5, 10 and 20 years of service milestones.

Brian W. Pettersson, Attorney, Healthcare Facility Regulation Division presented to the Board for final adoption Rules and Regs., R. 111-8-56, Rules and Regulations for Nursing Homes (Regarding Certified Medication Aides).

These revisions of the nursing home rules are necessary for the Department so that the Nursing Home rules comply with State Bill 215.

An opportunity for public comment was held on November 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx. Written comments were due on or before November 19, 2021. No oral or written comments were received.

Mr. Pettersson respectfully asked for the Board’s favorable consideration of final adoption.

Nelva Lee MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regs., R. 111-8-56, Rules and Regulations for Nursing Homes (Regarding Certified Medication Aides). David Crews SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Rules and Regs., R. 111-8-56, Rules and Regulations for Nursing Homes (Regarding Certified Medication Aides) is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).
New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9th DAY OF December, 2021.

Russell Crutchfield
Secretary

Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

#1 Agenda

#2 List of Attendees

#3 (Rules and Regs., R. 111-8-56, Rules and Regulations for Nursing Home Regarding Certified Medication Aides)