COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Carol Chandler
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 27, 2009	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of appointment of John Lane to the Region 3 Planning Board for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases for a three-year term commencing this date and ending on August 26, 2012.

Background/History/Details:

For mental health services, Georgia is divided into 5 regions. Fayette County is in Region 3. Services do overlap between regions to enhance efficiency of certain services. Formerly under the umbrella of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, the state's largest division, a new department was formed this year, known as the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to separate out mental health services. Regional Boards are advisory groups who facilitate coordinated comprehensive planning efforts for the delivery of mental heath services in Georgia. These boards act as liaison between the Department and local communities. They work to keep the public, consumers, local and state-level officials, and service providers informed of common issues and needs related to mental health in their region.

Fayette County has 2 seats on this Board. Ms. Brenda Cox, one of Fayette's appointees, moved out of state in July, leaving a vacancy. The other member is Harriette Steele. Appointments are for 3 years each. There is a limit of 2 terms per appointee.

Mr. Lane has agreed to serve.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Vote to appoint John Lane to the Region 3 Planning Board for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases for a 3-year term to commence this date and to end on August 26, 2012.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Frank E. Shelp, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner
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July 10, 2009

Commissioner Jack Smith, Chairman
Fayette County Board of Commissioners
40 Argyll Drive
Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

Dear Commissioner Smith:

The Region 3 Planning Board for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases is currently working to fill some of the vacant slots on the board with interested and qualified persons from your county. To do that, we need your help.

The Regional Planning Board is an advisory board mandated to serve as a conduit for state officials regarding information for their annual planning process. We gather that information from our 10 county region and submit an annual plan with our recommendations based on input gathered from consumers, family members of consumers, and providers across our region. The state then uses those recommendations in formulating their annual plan.

Enclosed you will find pertinent information regarding our structure and other information you may find helpful in assisting us. Currently, your county has 1 slot available for appointment. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in appointing someone this year.

Please feel free to call me at 770-592-2253 or the Region 3 office at 770 414 3052 if you need more information. We look forward to working with you to continue to serve our region in the future.

Sincerely,

Mary Migliaro

Mary Migliaro
Chair

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Region 3 MHDDAD Planning Board
General Information Overview

The Regional Planning Board represents Region 3 that includes the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale. The Board is also known as the Metro Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Planning Board.

The purpose of the Metro Regional Planning Board (MRPB) is to provide and facilitate coordinated and comprehensive planning for Region 3.

Duties of MRPB members include:

- ☐ To keep county commissioners, local legislators and other local stakeholders informed of regional mental health, developmental disabilities and addiction disease services and service needs;
- ☐ To reach out to consumers, family members, advocates, providers and others within the region to get their ideas on service needs and gaps in services;
- ☐ To ensure local service needs are addressed in the annual regional planning process;
- ☐ To make recommendations to the regional office and Division regarding service needs and funding needs of the region;
- ☐ To advocate for resources within the region to provide quality services;
- ☐ To meet with elected officials and let them know the needs;
- ☐ To work with local advocacy groups on behalf of consumers;
- ☐ To keep the regional coordinator informed on any complaints or problems;
- ☐ To be knowledgeable of the services provided with the region;
- ☐ To promote public awareness of mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive disease disorder issues;
- ☐ To speak out on behalf of consumers and their needs;
- ☐ To promote needed services or effective services;
- ☐ To help the public better understand consumers, their needs and services; and
- ☐ To ensure the voices of consumers and family members are heard and influence the priorities set in the regional plan.

Region 3 Planning Board

Member Allocation List

County	Allocation	Current Number
Cherokee*	3	3
Clayton	5	2
Cobb	13	0
DeKalb	14	1
Douglas*	2	2
Fayette	2	1
Fulton	17	2
Gwinnett	12	0
Henry	3	0
Rockdale	2	1
TOTAL	73	12

*All allocations filled

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New Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities launches

July 1, 2009 (Announces New Department)

ATLANTA – Georgia's new state agency in charge of services for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases officially began operations today. The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) was created as part of the reorganization of the former Department of Human Resources that became effective July 1, 2009. DBHDD will oversee employees across the state involved in policy, programs, and service delivery, including those who work at the seven state hospitals.

"Thanks to the leadership of Governor Perdue and the General Assembly, people in Georgia who have behavioral health issues, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases now have an agency that's solely focused on supporting their wellbeing and independence," said Dr. Frank Shelp, Commissioner of DBHDD. "The opportunity presented by this new department brings with it both a higher profile and higher expectations. And while we know that the challenges we face in Georgia won't disappear overnight, I'm confident that, with new thinking and new initiative, our efforts will result in better care and stronger support."

Frank E. Shelp, M.D., M.P.H. was appointed Commissioner of DBHDD by Governor Sonny Perdue on May 4, 2009. He brings a breadth of experience from the public, private, academic, and corporate sectors of healthcare. Prior to coming to Georgia he was Vice President of Medical Affairs for First Health Services Corporation of Glen Allen, Virginia, a national quality improvement company serving state Medicaid agencies, managing pharmacy, behavioral health, and medical and surgical services with contracts in 28 states. Dr. Shelp has served as Corporate Medical Director for Behavioral Health for United HealthCare of Minnesota and has been in private practice, primarily in geriatric care.

Dr. Shelp was part of the earliest initiative between the public sector John Umstead Hospital in Butner, North Carolina and Duke University Medical Center Department of Psychiatry, establishing the state psychiatric hospital as a partner with the university in research, residency training, and clinical care.

Dr. Shelp holds a B.A. and B.S. from Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia; an M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia; and an M.P.H. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Public Health. His post graduate training included a residency in psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, and a fellowship in geriatrics at DUMC Center for the Study of Aging. He is Board Certified in Psychiatry and a Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association.

In 2009, Governor Sonny Perdue put forth a plan to restructure the existing Department of Human Resources, in part to bring a greater to focus the mental health, developmental disability, and addictive disease services. During the legislative session, the General Assembly passed HB 228, which was signed into law by the Governor. On July 1, 2009, the new Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities assumed most of the responsibilities of the former Department of Human Resources Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases.

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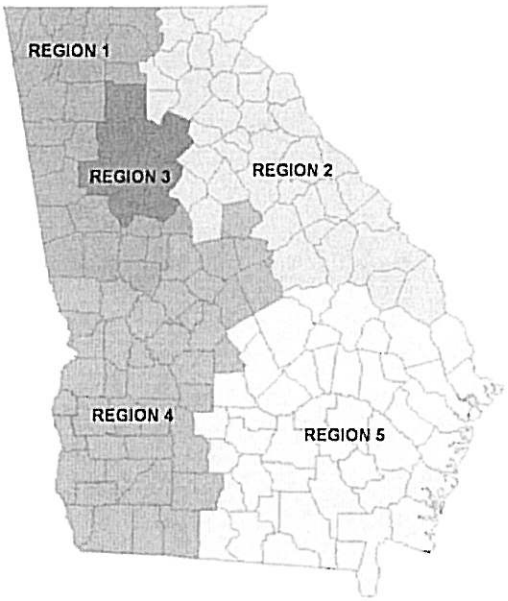
Regional Planning Board

Each of Georgia's five DBHDD regions has a **regional planning board**, a volunteer citizen board appointed by county commissioners, to help identify local needs and recommend priorities for services to the division and the regional office. They are the official voice for consumers and their families in local planning.

For more information about a specific regional planning board and its meeting times, click on the region below:



Region One Planning Board

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O.C.G.A. § 37-2-5.2

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TITLE 37. MENTAL HEALTH
CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ADDICTIVE DISEASES, AND OTHER DISABILITY SERVICES
ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

O.C.G.A. § 37-2-5.2 (2009)

§ 37-2-5.2. Regional planning boards -- Duties and functions; power to contract; delegation of powers and duties; books of account

(a) Under the supervision of the department, each regional office shall have the following duties and functions:

(1) To prepare, in consultation with consumers and families, community programs, hospitals, other public and private providers, its regional planning board, and appropriate advisory and advocacy groups, an annual plan for the funding and provision of all disability services in the region. The plan shall be submitted to the department at a time and in the manner specified by the department so as to ensure that the plan is a basis for the annual appropriations request;

(2) To provide, as funds become available, for consumer assessment and service authorization and coordination for each consumer receiving services within the region;

(3) To exercise responsibility and authority as specified in this chapter within the region in all matters relating to the funding and delivery of disability services;

(4) To receive and administer grants, gifts, moneys, and donations for purposes pertaining to mental health, developmental disability, and addictive disease services;

(5) To enter into contracts on behalf of the department with any hospital, community service board, or other public or private providers without regard to regional or state boundaries for the provision of disability services, and to enter into all contracts on behalf of the department necessary or incidental to the performance of duties and functions of the department and regional office;

(6) To encourage the development, in cooperation with the department, of private and public providers of programs and disability services which respond to the needs of consumers and families of consumers within the region;

(7) To serve as the representative of the citizens of the area in regard to disability services;

(8) To receive and consider complaints and grievances submitted by individuals, associations, or agencies involved with the delivery or receipt of disability services and, if deemed appropriate, to seek resolution, through processes which may include impartial

mediation and alternate dispute resolution, of such complaints and grievances with the appropriate hospital, community service board, or other private or public provider of service;

(9) To assure the highest achievable level of public awareness and understanding of both available and needed disability services;

(10) To visit regularly disability services facilities and programs which serve the region in order to assure contracted providers are licensed and accredited by the designated agencies prescribed by the department, and in order to evaluate the effectiveness and appropriateness of the services, as such services relate to the health, safety, and welfare of service recipients, and to provide technical assistance to programs in delivering services; and

(11) To participate with other regional offices and planning boards, the department, local, state, or federal government agencies, educational institutions, and public and private organizations in the coordination of planning, research, service development, and evaluation activities:

(A) To work cooperatively with all units of county and local government, including the county boards of health, within the region;

(B) To establish goals and objectives, not inconsistent with those established by the department, for its region; and

(C) To participate in the establishment and operation of a data base and network, coordinated by the department, to serve as a comprehensive management information system for disability services and programs.

(b) It is the express intent of this chapter to confer upon the regional offices as the administrative entities of the department the flexibility, responsibility, and authority necessary to enter into contracts on behalf of the department with a wide range of public and private providers to ensure that consumers are afforded cost-effective, locally based, and quality disability services. Under the supervision of the department, regional offices are specifically authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the department directly with any county governing authority, any disability services organization created or designated by such county governing authority, any county board of health, any private or public provider, or any hospital for the provision of disability services.

(c) Each regional office shall account for all funds received, expended, and administered and shall make reports to the department regarding the funds received from the department. The audit of such activity shall be part of the annual audit of the department.

HISTORY: Code 1981, § 37-2-5.2, enacted by Ga. L. 1993, p. 1445, § 16; Ga. L. 2002, p. 1324, § 1-7; Ga. L. 2009, p. 453, § 3-1/HB 228.

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