

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CALLED BOARD MEETING OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES  
AUGUST 18, 2015**

**4:00 P.M.**

**By Teleconference and in DDS Central Office Conference Room,  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Donaghey Plaza North  
108 E. 7<sup>th</sup>, Little Rock, AR 72201**

An emergency called board meeting of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) was held on August 18, 2015 by teleconference originating in the DDS Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Donaghey Plaza North, 108 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock, AR 72201 at 4:00 p.m. by phone in participation.

Present in the Central Office were: Board Chair David Rosegrant, DDS Director Jim Brader, Tammy Benbrook, Melissa Stone, Shelley Lee and Dale Woodall, DDS Staff. Other attendees were Jan Fortney, Rita Hoover, Tom Masseur and Susan Pierce from Disability Rights Arkansas. Attending by telephone were board members Ms. Artie Jones, Ms. Suzann McCommon, Ms. Sally Hardin, Mr. Darrell Pickney and HDC Superintendents, Sarah Murphy and Steve Farmer.

Mr. David Rosegrant, Board Chair presiding, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Rosegrant stated the purpose of the called board meeting was to discuss the goals and direction of the DDS Task Force and to either dissolve it, alter its purpose, or continue it.

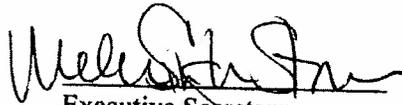
A discussion followed between the Board Chair and other members regarding the current direction of the Task Force. Members stated they felt it had moved far off base compared to the direction at the origin of the Task Force. Darrell Pickney stated that if HDCs were looking for someone to criticize how they operate or their existence or to say damaging and untrue things about them, there were plenty of groups willing to do that. Mr. Pickney further stated that those types of people should never have been permitted to be on the Task Force. Mr. Pickney concluded it would be the best interest of the human development centers' future to disband the Task Force at this time.

Ms. Suzann McCommon made a motion to dissolve the Task Force Committee Mr. Darrell Pickney seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Mr. David Rosegrant, Chair  
Board of Developmental Disabilities Services

  
Executive Secretary