

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES
May 10, 2007
Conway, Arkansas

A regular meeting of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) was held on May 10, 2007 at the Conway Human Development Center (CHDC) in Conway, Arkansas. The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to the call of the Board Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Wesley Kluck, Mr. Luke Heffley, Ms. Suzann McCommon, Mr. Thomas Dolislager, Ms. Sally Hardin and Mr. Ron Carmack.

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Charlie Green, Ms. Margo Green, Ms. Shelley Lee, Ms. Judy Adams, Mr. Calvin Price, Mr. Forrest Steele, Mr. Mark Stitch, Mr. Dale Woodall, Mr. Mark Mullenax, Ms. Marilyn Junyor, Ms. Gail Miller and Ms. Donna Madden.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Larry Taylor; Mr. Parnell Allbritton; Ms. Betty Allbritton; Ms. Jackie Fliss; Ms. Pat Carmack; Ms. Kay Barnes; Mr. Steve Wilson; Ms. Joyce Dees, Governor's Liaison for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and Ms. Nancy Pryor, Ms. Lori Freno and Ms. Sherri Robinson, Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

Dr. Wesley Kluck, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

Dr. Kluck introduced and welcomed two newly appointed Board members: Ms. Sally Hardin and Mr. Ron Carmack. Dr. Kluck also introduced and welcomed Ms. Joyce Dees, Governor's Liaison for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Kluck asked for a motion on the minutes from the February 8, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of DDS.

Ms. Sally Hardin made a motion for the minutes from the February 8, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of DDS to be approved. Mr. Luke Heffley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kluck asked for a motion on the minutes from the March 5, 2007 called meeting of the Board of DDS.

Ms. Suzann McCommon made a motion for the minutes from the March 5, 2007 called meeting of the Board of DDS to be approved. Mr. Heffley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kluck presented a plaque to Ms. Kay Barnes in appreciation for her service on the Board of DDS.

Dr. Kluck invited anyone attending the meeting who would like to address the Board to do so; no one addressed the Board at this time.

Ms. McCommon presented the report from the May 10, 2007 meeting of the Board's Physical Management Subcommittee. Ms. McCommon reported the Subcommittee had reviewed an easement for water to the new facility being constructed by Independent Living Services on CHDC property. Ms. McCommon stated the Subcommittee's recommendation was for the Board to approve the easement and stated the recommendation to be a motion. Mr. Thomas Dolislager seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McCommon continued the report and stated the Subcommittee had discussed a lease request from United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) to construct a supervised residential living complex on JHDC land. Ms. McCommon explained the Board had, on the recommendation of the Subcommittee, previously approved the request in concept and the Subcommittee was now recommending the Board approve the request for construction. Ms. McCommon stated Mr. Forrest Steele, JHDC Superintendent, recommended the Subcommittee approve the request. Ms. McCommon also commented on the terms of the lease which would include the complex providing the opportunity and assistance for residents at the JHDC and the other HDCs when they decided to transition into the community. Ms. McCommon stated the Subcommittee's recommendation and motion to be to approve the lease and construction subject to Arkansas Building Authority approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Heffley presented the report from the May 10, 2007 Administrative Services Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Heffley stated the Subcommittee had discussed and approved a request from Ms. Judy Adams, Southeast Arkansas HDC (SEAHDC) Superintendent, to provide notification to the Office of Long Term Care (OLTC) on the Center's bed capacity being increased from 72 to 80. Mr. Heffley stated the Subcommittee's recommendation and motion to be for the Board to approve Ms. Adams submitting the request to OLTC. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shelley Lee, Booneville Human Development Center (BHDC) Superintendent, presented the report for the human development centers and the report consisted of items of interest about each HDC as provided to Ms. Lee by each Superintendent.

Dr. Charlie Green presented the Division Director's report. Dr. Green began his report with a "thank you" to Mr. Calvin Price, Conway HDC (CHDC) Superintendent, and the CHDC staff for hosting the Board meeting; thanked Ms. Kay Barnes for all the good she did while serving on the Board and for her continual support of persons with a developmental disability; thanked the Board for establishing a good working relationship with community providers; and thanked Judy Adams and her SEAHDC staff for their great "Open Horizons" conference. Dr. Green's report included comments on the following: resident movement from SEAHDC to BHDC; Special Olympics; 2007 legislative session; upcoming tour of CHDC by the Department of Justice. Dr. Green welcomed Mr. Ron Carmack and Ms. Sally Hardin to the Board. He thanked Ms. Joyce Dees for attending the Board meeting and commented on how helpful Ms. Dees was to the agency and how lucky DDS was to have Ms. Dees to work with in the Governor's office. Dr. Green introduced Mr. Mark Stitch, the new Superintendent at the Alexander HDC (AIHDC).

Mr. Thomas Dolislager thanked DDS staff for providing the Board with reports containing information compiled by the Division of Medical Services.

Discussion was held on DDS' Waiver; DDS' interaction with Arkansas Children's Hospital; and HDC staff turnover.

In response to Dr. Kluck's invitation to Ms. Dees to address the Board, Ms. Dees' included in her comments how much she enjoyed working with persons with a developmental disability and she encouraged parents and families with a developmentally disabled family member to contact her any time.

Dr. Kluck announced the next Board meeting would be on August 2 at Hendrix College and the location for the meeting on the campus would be provided in the mailed meeting notice. Dr. Kluck reminded persons attending the meeting that CHDC's "Beyond the Borders" conference would be held August 1 and 2, 2007 on the Hendrix Campus.

Mr. Dolislager made a motion the meeting adjourn. Mr. Heffley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary

Dr. Wesley Kluck, Board Chair
Board of Developmental Disabilities Services