

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES
November 6, 2008
Arkadelphia, Arkansas**

A regular meeting of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) was held on November 6, 2008 at the Arkadelphia Human Development Center (ArHDC), Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. pursuant to the call of the Board Chair.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Charlie Green, Ms. Judy Adams, Ms. Margo Green, Ms. Judy Storey, Mr. Calvin Price, Mr. Mark Stitch, Mr. Forrest Steele, Ms. Marilyn Junyor, Ms. Gail Miller, Ms. Phyllis Hankins, Mr. Russell Hooks, Ms. Cynthia Broadnax and Ms. Betty Schwartz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Lori Freno, Attorney General's Office; Mr. Lamar Richmond, Disability Rights Center; and Mr. and Mrs. Parnell Albritton.

Mr. Thomas Dolislager, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Dolislager called for a motion on the minutes from the August 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Board.

Dr. Wesley Kluck made a motion the minutes of the August 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Mr. Luke Heffley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dolislager invited anyone wanting to address the Board to do so at this time; no one addressed the Board at this time.

Mr. Luke Heffley presented the report for the November 6, 2008 meeting of the Administrative Services Subcommittee, which was held in the new Elks Technology Center on the Arkadelphia HDC campus. Mr. Heffley expressed how nice the Elks Technology Center was. Mr. Heffley stated the Subcommittee recommended by motion that the Board Reimbursement Methodology for calendar year 2009 remain the same as the past year. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Heffley reported that Mr. Kenny Gibbs from Merrill Lynch had provided a very informative presentation to the Subcommittee regarding the Board's investments. Mr. Gibbs had advised the Subcommittee that investment disbursements currently on a 3 ½ year ladder would accrue a higher rate of interest if moved to a 5 year ladder. It was explained that any penalty for early withdrawal from the 5 year ladder would be minimal and would be offset by the higher rate of interest. Mr. Heffley stated that the Subcommittee recommended by motion that the 3 ½ year

ladder strategy be changed to a 5 year ladder as investments are renewed. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wesley Kluck made a motion the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services' officers for calendar year 2009 remain the same as the officers for the current year. Ms. Sally Hardin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The officers for 2009 will be Thomas Dolislager, Chairperson; Luke Heffley, Vice-Chairperson; and Ron Carmack, Secretary.

Ms. Margo Green, Arkadelphia HDC Superintendent, presented the report for the human development centers (HDCs). Ms. Green welcomed everyone to the Arkadelphia Center. Ms. Green provided information of interest from each of the HDCs as provided by each Superintendent. She introduced and thanked her staff for their efforts in assisting with the plans and details of hosting the Board Meeting. Ms. Green stated the Arkadelphia HDC is celebrating the Center's 40 year anniversary. She thanked Dr. Kluck for his services on the Board.

Mr. Calvin Price, Conway Human Development Center (CHDC), reported that Faulkner County Day School's proposed Milestones II program, construction of a day care center on CHDC land, has been withdrawn at this time.

Dr. Charlie Green presented the Division Director's report. Dr. Green thanked the Arkadelphia HDC staff for hosting the Board meeting. Dr. Green commented on the following in his report: challenges facing the Alexander HDC (AIHDC) with population changes and accounting issues; agency budget request submitted to DF&A; provider fee proposed by the community provider association; agency's proposed budget presentation to the legislative committee on November 12, 2008 and voting on the budget during the legislative session in March or April 2009. Dr. Green thanked Dr. Wesley Kluck for his greatly appreciated service on the Board.

Mr. Thomas Dolislager called for any new business. With no further business presented, Mr. Dolislager also thanked Dr. Kluck for his service and dedication to the Board, which he noted Dr. Kluck provided with grace and intelligence. Mr. Dolislager presented Dr. Kluck with a plaque of appreciation for his service on the Board

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

The gavel was offered to Dr. Kluck to close his final meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary

Mr. Thomas Dolislager, Board Chair
Board of Developmental Disabilities Services