

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES**  
**January 27, 2010**  
**Alexander Human Development Center**  
**Alexander, Arkansas**

A regular meeting of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) was held on January 27, 2010 at the Alexander Human Development Center (AIHDC) in Alexander, Arkansas. The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to the call of the Board Chair.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Charlie Green, Mr. Dale Woodall, Ms. Judy Adams, Mr. Forrest Steele, Ms. Traci Harris, Mr. Calvin Price, Ms. Margo Green, Mr. Jeff Gonyea, Mr. Mark Campbell, Ms. Betty Schwartz, Mr. John Rhodes, Ms. Ruby Arnold, Mr. Michael Archibald, Ms. Tammy Benbrook, Ms. Marilyn Junyor and Ms. Donna Madden.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Larry Taylor; Ms. Pat Carmack; Ms. Betty Allbritton; Mr. Parnell Allbritton; Ms. Dee Blakley; Mr. Lamar Richmond; Ms. Amy Ford, Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Luke Heffley, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Heffley called for approval of the minutes from the November 4, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of DDS.

Ms. Suzann McCommon made a motion the minutes from the November 4, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of DDS be approved. Mr. Ron Carmack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Heffley invited anyone wanting to address the Board to do so at this time.

Ms. Dee Blakley and Mr. Lamar Richmond, Disability Rights Center, addressed the Board and included in their comments positive input on human development centers that had been visited and noted they were looking forward to visiting all the centers.

Ms. Suzann McCommon presented the report from the January 27, 2010 Physical Management Subcommittee meeting. Ms. McCommon reported the Subcommittee had three items to present to the Board for action.

Ms. McCommon presented item one and stated the City of Conway was requesting an easement that would run through Conway HDC property, basically, involving the enlarging of a sewer pipe. Mr. Calvin Price, CHDC Superintendent, informed the Board of his approval of the easement and stated enlarging the pipe would be beneficial to the Conway Center. Ms. McCommon stated the Subcommittee's recommendation and motion to be for the Board to

approve the easement. Mr. Thomas Dolislager seconded the Subcommittee's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McCommon presented the second item and stated the Subcommittee to be requesting the Board approve a change to a Board policy on timber sales which had been previously approved by the Board. Ms. McCommon explained mineral lease wording needed to be added to the policy referencing "mineral rights and leases". Ms. McCommon stated the Subcommittee's recommendation and motion to be for the Board to approve adding the wording to the policy. Mr. Dolislager seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McCommon presented the third item on which the Subcommittee was requesting Board action and stated the action requested involved committing existing funds from mineral rights to pay the York Legal Group for expenditures related to the Department of Justice (DOJ) actions at the HDCs. Ms. McCommon noted this action related to the same policy presented in the second item from the Subcommittee: Board's policy on timber sales/mineral lease to which the Board had approved adding wording. Discussion was held on securing alternative funding avenues, putting a cap on the pay-out amount and the amount of the cap. Dr. Green explained that the contract in place with the York Legal Group already capped expenditures at \$1.5 million. Ms. McCommon explained the Subcommittee's recommendation and motion to be for the Board to approve the use of proceeds from mineral leasing for legal fees incurred from the Department of Justice lawsuit. Mr. Carmack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ron Carmack presented the proposed "Reimbursement Methodology" to be used by the Board for calendar year 2010 and made a motion the "Methodology" be approved. Mr. Dolislager seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (A copy of the "methodology" is an attachment to the January 27, 2010 Board meeting minutes.)

Ms. Traci Harris, Alexander Human Development Center Superintendent, presented the report for the human development centers (HDCs). Ms. Harris included in her report items of interest about each HDC as provided to her by each Superintendent.

Dr. Charlie Green provided the Division Director's report and began his report with a "thank you" to the Alexander HDC staff for hosting the Board meeting. Dr. Green's report included information on the following: Jonesboro HDC (JHDC) having a well-trained person to assist with waiver transitions; positive effects created by the United Cerebral Palsy structure on the JHDC campus; budget cuts and upcoming fiscal year budget level; opening of waiver unit; good meeting with the HDC parent group and comments on items discussed. Dr. Green introduced and welcomed Jeff Gonyea as the interim superintendent at the Booneville HDC (BHDC) and thanked Shelley Lee for her assistance with the BHDC superintendent transition. Following his report, Dr. Green addressed questions from the Board.

Mr. Larry Taylor addressed the Board and included the following in his comments: thanked Dr. Green for attending the HDC parent group meeting; thanked the Board for all the assistance

being provided with the DOJ; and commented on the “great” assistance with the DOJ that was being provided by the Attorney General’s staff.

Dr. Green and Ms. Margo Green, Arkadelphia HDC (ArHDC) Superintendent, responded to questioning by Mr. Heffley on HDC staff sick leave usage.

Ms. McCommon moved the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Executive Secretary

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Luke Heffley, Board Chair  
Board of Developmental Disabilities Services

