

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES**  
**May 2, 2012**  
**Conway Human Development Center**  
**Visitation Center**  
**Conway, Arkansas**

A regular meeting of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) was held on May 2, 2012 at the Conway Human Development Center Visitation Center in Conway, Arkansas. The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to the call of the Vice Board Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ron Carmack, Ms. Sally Hardin, Mr. David Rosegrant, Ms. Artie Jones, Dr. Linda Selman and Mr. Robert James.

DDS STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Charlie Green, Ms. Margo Green, Mr. Forrest Steele, Mr. Jeff Gonyea, Ms. Judy Adams, Mr. Calvin Price, Ms. Tammy Benbrook, Mr. Brooks Reese, Mr. Dale Woodall, Ms. Shelley Lee, Ms. Gail Miller, Ms. Sarah Murphy and Mr. James Brader.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Darrell Pickney, Mr. Brandon Robinson, Attorney General's Office, Ms. Carole Sherman, Mr. Bill Sherman, Ms. Rita Hoover, Ms. Brandy Marks, Disability Rights Representative, Mr. Parnell Allbritton and Ms. Betty Allbritton.

Mr. Ron Carmack, Board Chair Assistant, called the meeting to order due to Ms. Suzann McCommon, Board Chair, not in attendance.

Mr. Carmack called for a motion on the minutes from the February 1st, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of DDS.

Mr. David Rosegrant made a motion the minutes from the February 1st, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of DDS be approved. Dr. Linda Selman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carmack invited consumers, advocates and guests to address the Board. Mr. Brandon Robinson, representative of the Arkansas Attorney General's office, was recognized.

Mr. Carmack requested the report from the Physical Management Subcommittee:

Ms. Hardin presented the report from the Physical Management Subcommittee. Ms. Hardin said the Wallace Brown lease at Conway Human Development Center (CHDC) was reviewed at the request of Mr. Brown to add his grandson, Mr. Matt Johnson, to the lease that would originally be expiring next summer. The Subcommittee's recommendation and motion was for the Board to approve adding Mr. Matt Johnson to the lease and either reviewing the lease now or extending the lease for five more years starting this year. Mr. Carmack seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no Administrative Services Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Calvin Price, Conway Human Development Center (CHDC) Superintendent, presented the report for the human development centers (HDCs). Mr. Price informed the Board the monthly reports for the HDCs were included in the Board packets. Mr. Price presented items of interest about each HDC as provided to him by each Superintendent.

Dr. Charlie Green presented the Division Director's report. Dr. Green began his report with a "thank you" to Mr. Price and Conway HDC staff for hosting the DDS Board Meeting.

Next, Dr. Green and the DDS Board reviewed the Merrill Lynch report and James Brader, DDS Attorney, updated the Board that \$150,000 from the Department of Justice lawsuit fees and costs would be deposited into the Gifts and Bequest Fund in the near future.

Dr. Green continued his report to include the following: Forrest Steele, Superintendent at Jonesboro Human Development Center reported on the "Monday thru Friday Schedule or Weekend Option Hours" at his facility. Mr. Steele stated that the staff have been receptive of the choice of schedules and it's helped with turnover so far. There has not been a lot of tracking data at this time in the plan but will know more as the plan continues. Dr. Green stated that the other HDCs are getting a foothold on the new schedule plan piloted by JHDC and hopes to be offering it to their staff members soon.

Dr. Green reported on the budget meetings that are taking place regarding the Medicaid cuts, Health Homes Plans, Payment Initiative Workgroups and the Universal Assessment Tool being implemented in the near future. There will be a Public Health Meeting at UAMS on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for review of the assessment tool.

Next Dr. Green reported that Mr. Andy Allison, Medicaid Director, will be holding a public meeting, Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Blue Flame Room of the Arkla Building regarding the misuse of language of "mental retardation" and "mental illness".

Dr. Green reported on the Booneville Human Development Center's delay of renovations since there is no funding for the whole project at this time. He and Mr. Gonyea will be giving more details of the proposed plan at the August Board Meeting. The BHDC was not included in the Energy Conservation Plan because BHDC should have new buildings constructed in the future instead of trying to renovate the old buildings.

After Dr. Green's report, Ms. Rita Hoover, Mr. Darrell Pickney and Ms. Carole Sherman had questions regarding the following concerns: budget difference from last year compared to this year at the HDCs and how the closing of the CHDC's children's unit will affect the budget, the Systems Change Plan, Arkansas being a model of the waiver program for other states, energy conservation plans for the facilities, concerns that nursing homes and HDCs are being grouped together under the Department of Aging umbrella and whether or not the new assessment tool will have a negative impact on the HDC clients. Dr. Green addressed the concerns of the parents.

Mr. Carmack called for a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Rosegrant made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Executive Secretary

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Ms. Suzann McCommon, Chair  
Board of Developmental Disabilities Services