BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2022 12:30 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Atlanta, GA

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Robertiena Fletcher, Chair Randall Smith, Vice Chair Monica Walters, Secretary David Barbee Lisa Hamilton Scott Johnson Wes Lewis Rochard D. White Jack F. Williams

Also present, Commissioner Candice L. Broce.

Chair Robertiena Fletcher called the Board of Human Services' meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. on February 16, 2022.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2021, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Scott Johnson that the minutes of the November 10, 2021, Board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

ELECTION OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A proposal from the executive committee was presented by Chair Fletcher to elect Scott Johnson, David Barbee and Lisa Hamilton to serve as the nominating committee to present a slate of officers for consideration by the Board. The motion to approve was presented by Chair Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Smith. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

REVISION OF BOARD MEETING DATES

Chair Fletcher provided a revision for this year's upcoming Board meeting dates as follows: May 18, Aug. 17 and Nov. 8, 2022.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Candice Broce provided several agency updates. The update included leadership personnel changes at DHS: Venkat Krishnan and Jon Anderson's retirements; Abby Cox's resignation and new hire for Asst. Deputy Commissioner of Aging Services, MaryLea Boatwright Quinn and a HUB reopening model for in-person assistance at the agency's 233 office locations. Commissioner Broce advised the agency is currently looking at a 50-county HUB model to provide walk-in services as we transition out of COVID operations - aiming for a soft launch in mid-March and hard-launch on April 1, 2022. The commissioner stated the goal is to have a HUB location within a 30-mile drive for any constituent.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Fletcher thanked Commissioner Broce and DHS Board liaison, Jackie Tate for their communications with the Board and asked for additional comments or new business. Scott Johnson brought to Chair Fletcher's attention that Nov. 8, 2022 is election date and requested we avoid having November's Board meeting on this date. DHS Board liaison, Jackie Tate, advised we will revisit that date for the combined meeting with the DFCS Advisory Board and follow up. Chair Fletcher agreed and concluded the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:

Robertiena Fletcher, Chair