

RAC Meeting Agenda Notes
Region 6
from March 10, 2022

The meeting came to order when Valerie West [Chair] welcomed everyone. She then called for a moment of silence for those we lost due to covid 19.

Roll call was done by the Chair and January's agenda and minutes were approved.

Toya Mather from the Respect Institute introduced Jessica Smith as our speaker for today. She briefly discussed her life from shoplifting, drinking, and drug use to positivity and becoming a businesswoman. The title of her speech was *silver linings*.

✚ Membership update

The Chair thanked Amy Vasquez for her part in the membership recruitment. At this time the members present viewed the highlighted information on Amy's screen. The chair stated that she would send this information out for corrections.

✚ Priorities process

The priorities process occurs when a list of needs per disability committee is presented. During this process agencies are contacted to discover the needs of the disability community.

The Chair reminded the committee of helpful legislation that can be utilized. Legislation House Bill 1013-Georgia Behavioral Health Reform

✚ Dbhdd Reports

Behavioral Health

Kecia Cawthorne spoke of pilot programs for 911 to work with crisis intervention/refresher training law and safety.

Developmental/Intellectual Health

Valona Baldwin stated that cms partnering with dch for Medicaid have approved [ARPA]-American Rescue Plan act

Feb 14 approval granted for 68 mil budget home and community waivers

More info on website

March 9 approval of extension of appendix K to be in effect for six months after covid ends!

General Statement

Financial backing is the problem with the priorities process.....ask for fully funded per Valona

Reminder from chair.... RAC elections are in June

Meeting adjourned