

Staff Report

Subject: Appointment to the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Advisory Board

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Department: Administration

Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Item Description: Stephanie Johnson, County Clerk

Consideration to approve to appoint Rebecca Boston to the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Regional Advisory Board

BACKGROUND: The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Regional Advisory Councils (*formerly known as Southeast Regional MHDDAD*) are created and authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 37-2-4.1 for each of the six (6) regions across the state. Said council promotes public awareness of mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases disorders and the need for the services.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. All 159 counties have at least one position available for representation on the Advisory Council.
2. The Region 5 Council presents 34 counties within the region. Members are appointed by the County Commissioners.
3. Previous members appoint by the board are Ms. Lucy Powell and Ms. Andrea Jones.
4. A request has been received to appoint Rebecca Boston to the seat.
5. Appointments are for a term of three (3) years with the option to serve one additional term.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. To approve the appointment of Rebecca Boston to the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Regional Advisory (DBHDD) Board.
2. To not approve the appointment of Rebecca Boston to the DBHDD Board.
3. To consider another individual for appointment.

FUNDING: No funding required

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends alternative number 1

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Member Profile Application
2. Request Letters
3. Map of Region areas