New Business #9

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 25, 2014	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Ms. Irene Cheyne to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2014 and expiring September 30, 2017.

Background/History/Details:

The Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board is a volunteer body composed of three members appointed by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners and by the governing authorities of 30 other counties located in central-western Georgia. The duties of the Regional Planning Board include, but are not limited to, assisting the Region Six Regional Office in preparing an annual plan for the provision of all disabilities services in the Region Six area. This assistance may include consulting with families, customers, providers, and advocacy groups in order to identify local needs, gaps in services, and recommended priorities.

Ms. Cheyne was appointed to the Region Six Mental Health Board on June 13, 2013 to fill an unexpired term, which expires on September 30, 2014. The position was advertised for one month and four Fayette County citizens applied for the position. The Selection Committee, comprised of Chairman Steve Brown and Commissioner Charles Oddo, interviewed all four applicants and has recommended Ms. Cheyne for reappointment.

Ms. Cheyne was appointed to represent Region Six on the DBHDD statewide Leadership Council in January 2014, and she was elected Chair of the Leadership Council in July 2014.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Ms. Irene Cheyne to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2014 and expiring September 30, 2017.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Fayette County Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board

Thank you for your interest in being considered for appointment to the Region Six Mental Health, Development Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases (MHDDAD) Regional Planning Board.

The Region Six MHDDAD Board members are appointed by 31 counties to terms which generally last about four years. Meetings are typically held every other month, and are generally held on the second Wednesday of said month from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. The meetings take place at the Upson County Senior Center located at 302 South Bethel Street, Thomaston, Georgia.

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and answer the questions below and return it with a resume, if available, to Floyd Jones, County Clerk, 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 100, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5, 2014.

If you have any questions, please call (770) 305-5102.

NOTE: Information provided on this form is subject to disclosure as a public record under Georgia Open Records Law.

NAME Irene Cheyne

ADDRESS [redacted]

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

(evening) [redacted]

(email address) [redacted]

Irene Cheyne
Signature

August 23, 2014
Date

Irene Cheyne
Responses to Application Questions for Appointment to the MHDDAD Region Six Board

1. **How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?**

   Resident of Fayette County since November 2008 (almost 6 years)

2. **Why are you interested in serving on the Region Six MHDDAD Board?**

   I was appointed to the MHDDAD Board by the Fayette County Commission in June 2013 to complete an appointee's term. During my one year on the Board, I was elected Chair of Region 6. I am now serving as Chair until July 2015. I am eager to continue serving on the Region 6 Board.

   My husband and I are the parents of an adult son with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). He was diagnosed at the age of 13. He is now a recovering adult aged 27.

3. **What qualifications and experience do you possess for appointment to the Region Six MHDDAD Board?**

   My qualifications and experience for this appointment include the following:

   - Currently an active MHDDAD board member. Elected chair of Region 6 in June 2014.
   - Appointed to represent Region 6 on the DBHDD statewide Leadership Council in January 2014. Elected chair of the Leadership Council in July 2014.
   - Master of Business Administration with specialization in organizational management.
   - Raised four children including a 10-year guardianship of a foster child and a son with OCD.
   - Understanding of and keen interest in human services.
   - Skills in public speaking, public involvement, strategic planning, collaborative problem solving, and organizational management and leadership.

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position

Currently a full-time volunteer advocate for people with mental illness, addictive diseases, and/or developmental disabilities. My volunteer work is through the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

I have been a business communication, strategic planning, and public involvement consultant since 1989 through my own company, Future Directions Inc.

I was a college and university instructor at Central Washington University and Bellevue College from 1987-2007.

I have served as the executive director of several non-profit organizations including Hospice Friends, Woodland Park Zoological Society, and Kitsap County YWCA.

5. Do you have any past experience relating to the Region Six MHDDAD Board? If so, please describe.

Currently an active MHDDAD board member. Appointed by the Fayette County Commission in June 2013. Elected Region 6 board chair in June 2014.

Appointed to represent Region 6 on the DBHDD statewide Leadership Council in January 2014. Elected board chair of the Leadership Council in July 2014.

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?

Yes. I was appointed by the Fayette County Commission to fill the term of a vacated position on the MHDDAD Region 6 Board in June 2013.

7. Have you attended any Region Six MHDDAD Board meeting in the past two years and, if so, how many?

I have attended all seven of the past year's Region 6 board meetings

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

Yes, I would gladly attend seminars or continuing education classes.

9. What is your vision of the county's future related to the duties of the Region Six MHDDAD Board?

The Region 6 MHDDAD Board can improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families and enhance the lives of everyone in Fayette County in many ways including the following:

1. Provide avenues and opportunities for the community to take an active part in identifying and prioritizing the current and future MHDDAD needs of Fayette County.
2. Help to meet the current and future MHDDAD needs of Fayette County by identifying, evaluating, and improving current resources and accessing additional local, state, and federal resources.
3. Advocate for MHDDAD individuals and families. Help individuals and families identify and access available services.
4. Provide education and insight into the benefits of fully integrating people with disabilities into our community.
5. Advocate for the prevention and early intervention in mental illness and addictive diseases.

10. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the MHDDAD Board?

No

11. Are you in any way related to a County elected official or employee?

No

12. Describe your current community involvement.

I am currently involved in DBHDD Region 6 Planning Board, DBHDD Statewide Leadership Council, DBHDD Region 6 Quality Improvement Council, Fayette County FACTOR, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

13. Have you been given a copy of the county's Ethics Ordinance?

Yes.

14. Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the ordinance?

No.