

House Resolution 694

By: Representatives Gardner of the 42nd, Post 3, Buckner of the 109th, Warren of the 99th, Stephenson of the 60th, Post 1, Brown of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the community service boards for their revenue maximization efforts; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Mental Health Center estimates that more than 321,000 adults in
4 Georgia have serious mental illness and more than 100,000 children and adolescents are
5 seriously emotionally disturbed; and

6 WHEREAS, in January 2001, the Surgeon General issued a goal to improve the assessment
7 and recognition of mental health needs in children; and

8 WHEREAS, community service boards are statutorily created public providers of mental
9 health, developmental disability, and addictive disease services, and receive reimbursement
10 for providing services to Medicaid recipients under the Medicaid rehabilitative option
11 administered by the Department of Human Resources under contract with the Department
12 of Community Health; and

13 WHEREAS, each community service board, as part of a Medicaid revenue maximization
14 initiative, was assigned an earnings target to enhance Medicaid collections; and

15 WHEREAS, based on claims data from EDS, the Medicaid claims payer, as of February 28,
16 2003, through the use of good business practices, 13 of the 25 community service boards
17 exceeded their earnings targets which will bring in additional federal dollars to match state
18 dollars and will allow for the expansion of disability services; and

19 WHEREAS, the following community service boards exceeded their targets by the following
20 amounts; New Horizons - Columbus (\$2,177,198.00); East Central Georgia - Augusta
21 (\$1,778,973.00); Pathways - LaGrange (\$1,605,350.00); Georgia Mountains - Gainesville
22 (\$933,082.00); River Edge - Macon (\$608,990.00); BHA of South Georgia - Valdosta
23 (\$356,863.00); Albany Area (\$302,049.00); Lookout Mountain - LaFayette (\$176,903.00);

1 Gateway - Darien (\$139,754.00); Ogeechee - Swainsboro (\$127,632.00); McIntosh Trail -
2 Griffin (\$108,347.00); Satilla - Waycross (\$38,826.00); and

3 WHEREAS, the DeKalb Community Service Board and the Gwinnett-Rockdale-Newton
4 Community Service Board were unable to meet excessively high earnings targets.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body commend those community service boards that met their earnings
7 targets and encourage all community service boards to continue their efforts to increase
8 accountability, improve their business practices, and expand essential disability services.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division
11 of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases of the Department of
12 Human Resources.