



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
November 13, 2019
10:00 -11:30 A.M.**

**2 Peachtree Street, NW, 24th Floor Board Room
Atlanta, GA 30303**

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Commissioner and BHCC Chair Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)

Council Members:

- **Present:** Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)
Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)
Family Representative, Stanley Jones, Esq.
Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO)
- **Conferencing:** Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH)
Commissioner Robyn Crittenden (DHS)
Commissioner Timothy Ward (GDC)
Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)
Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)
Parent Representative Diane Reeder
Adult Consumer Representative Julie Spores
- **Absent:** Senator Renee Unterman (District 45)
Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (DJJ)
Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA)
Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH)
Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)
Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL)

DBHDD Leadership: Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner & General Counsel
David Sofferin, Director, Office of Public Affairs

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Guest speaker Alex Berthelot with the RESPECT Institute shared her story of recovery.

There were two action items on the agenda that were unanimously approved.

1. The BHCC August 14, 2019 meeting minutes.
2. The 2020 Proposed BHCC meeting schedule.

The BHCC initiative updates were given on the Interagency Directors Team Georgia System of Care (Danté McKay, DBHDD) and the Transition Support and Recovery (Terri Timberlake, DBHDD).

The Commissioner's report included a Hospital Update (Emile Risby, M.D., DBHDD) followed by a Forensic Update (Karen Bailey, DBHDD).

There was no public comment.

There was no further business

The November 13, 2019 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.