



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

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Office of the Commissioner

**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019
1:00 p.m.
2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor Boardroom
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Meeting Called By: Kim Ryan, Chair

Recording Secretary: Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

Board Members

- **Present:** Kim Ryan, David Glass, Laura Whitaker and Lasa Joiner
- **Conferencing:** Justine Welsh, Ellice Martin, Jan Ligon and Jimmy Thomas
- **Absent:** Jean Sumner

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
Amy V. Howell, Asst. Commissioner/General Counsel

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair Kim Ryan; 1:05 p.m.

Chair Kim Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recovery Presentation

Doreen Kennie of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse introduced Karen Daniel to the members of the board. Karen is a CARES liaison at the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. She shared her story on her trials with overcoming addiction and substance abuse.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced a member of her team to provide an update:

Emile Risby, M.D., *Director, Division of Hospital Services and Chief Medical Officer*, provided update on our Hospital System. In detail, he provided an overview of the hospital system, it's functionality and provided hospital data.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report with a brief update regarding the Healthcare Environment of The Future.

Action Items

One action item was approved:

1. Approval of the September 5, 2019, board meeting minutes: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. David Glass made the motion, which was seconded by Justine Welsh. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chair Kim Ryan gave brief remarks and commended the agency for its great work.

Public Comment

Stanley S. Jones, Jr. gave public comment.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Lasa Joiner and was seconded by Laura Whitaker. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, December 12, 2019**.

The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24th floor Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted by:
Courtney Gay, recording secretary

Signatures:



Chair



Secretary