



Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2020
1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted WebEx audio with presentations.

There will be no in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.

Meeting Called By: Kim Ryan, Chair

Recording Secretary: Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

Board Members:

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

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner/COO
Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair Kim Ryan; 1:01 p.m.

Chair Kim Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recovery Presentation

Jeff Breedlove of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse introduced Amanda Williamson to the members of the board. Ms. Williamson is the neonatal peer recovery coach at the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. She shared her personal story of recovery.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald gave a broad update on how the agency is coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on behavioral health, I/DD, hospital staff, and constituents.

Doug Reineke, *legislative liaison*, provided a 2020 legislative update.

Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Operating Officer, provided a budget overview of the FY2021 amended budget and the FY2020 budget. He also spoke about the agency challenges and opportunities.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report by thanking DBHDD staff and providers. She is optimistic about the pathway ahead and the agency's continued efforts.

Action Items

There were four action items approved:

1. Approval of the June 11, 2020 board meeting minutes: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. Ellice Martin made the motion, which was seconded by Laura Whitaker. The motion was passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the Special Called board meeting minutes: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. Laura Whitaker made the motion, which was seconded by Jimmy Thomas. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Approval of the FY2021 Amended Budget: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. Ellice Martin made the motion, which was seconded by Laura Whitaker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the FY2022 Budget: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. David Glass made the motion, which was seconded by Laura Whitaker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

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

Public Comment

Lisa Muller gave public comment.

Tanya Wynn 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 Jimmy Thomas and was seconded by Ellice Martin. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Special Notes

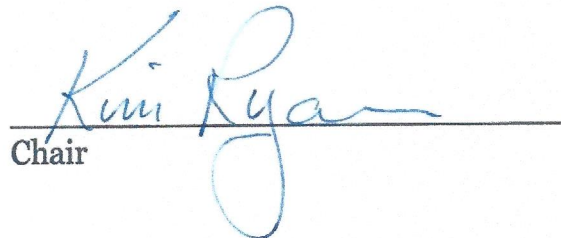
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, October 8, 2020**.

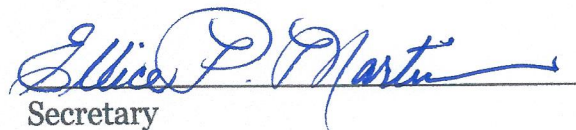
The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24th floor Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted by:

Courtney Gay, recording secretary

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary