



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

Chair Kim Ryan called the meeting to order. Board members Kim Ryan, David Glass, Laura Whitaker and Lasa Joiner attended the meeting in person, and Secretary Ellice Martin, Justine Welsh, Jan Ligon and Jimmy Thomas joined by phone.

Chair Kim Ryan opened the meeting by recognizing Doreen Kennie of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Karen Daniel. Ms. Daniel shared her story of recovery.

There was one action item on the agenda that was approved:

1. September 5, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced Dr. Emile Risby, M.D., Director, Division of Hospital Services and Chief Medical Officer, to provide a Hospital System Update. Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report with a brief update on the Healthcare Environment of The Future.

Kim Ryan provided brief remarks.

There was one person providing public comment, Stanley S. Jones, Jr.

The meeting adjourned.