



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
December 12, 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, Ellice Martin, Justine Welsh and Jan Ligon attended the meeting in person. David Glass, Lasa Joiner, Jimmy Thomas, Laura Whitaker, and Jean Sumner joined by telephone.

Chair Kim Ryan opened the meeting by recognizing Beverly Ragland of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Abby Kice. Ms. Kice shared her story of recovery.

There were three action items on the agenda that were approved:

1. October 17, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Proposed 2020 DBHDD Board Meeting Dates
3. Board Elections

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced Ron Wakefield, director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, to provide an update on IDD Connects. Karen Bailey, director of the Office of Forensic Services, provided an overview of forensic services with detailed statistical information.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report by informing the board that the Behavioral Health Innovation and Reform Commission will hold its first meeting on December 16, 2019, and several DBHDD staff members will be presenting.

Kim Ryan provided brief remarks.

There was one person providing public comment, Betsy Bickert.

The meeting adjourned.