



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**April 16, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Board Meeting held via WebEx Conference Call only**

Chair Kim Ryan called the meeting to order. Board members Kim Ryan, David Glass, Ellice Martin, Jimmy Thomas, Laura Whitaker, Jean Sumner, Lasa Joiner, Jan Ligon and Justine Welsh joined by telephone.

Chair Kim Ryan opened the meeting by recognizing Laurisa Guerrero of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Bianca Prieto. Ms. Prieto shared her story of recovery.

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

1. December 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced members of her team to provide an update on DBHDD's efforts to safely ensure continuity of care amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report by informing the board of foreseen challenges ahead and acknowledged some of the DBHDD hero stories.

Kim Ryan provided brief remarks.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned.