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Former Forsyth County leader Brandon Kenney named Assistant Commissioner of Operations

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Commissioner Kevin Tanner on Monday announced the appointment of Brandon Kenney as the Department's new Assistant Commissioner for Operations.

Kenney, the former Assistant County Manager and Chief Information Officer in Forsyth County government, will oversee budget and finance, information technology, internal audits, and risk management, as well as strategy and performance for DBHDD.

He comes to DBHDD with a wide range of experience in the public and private sectors. Prior to working in Forsyth County, Kenney was the Chief information Officer for Herschend Family Entertainment, the largest privately-owned theme park company in the United States. He previously worked for Saab North America.

During his seven years in Forsyth County, Kenney was a champion on improving the delivery of services while reducing overall costs. He was responsible for the operations of the major service departments including technology, parks and recreation, planning and development, economic development, code enforcement, animal services, public transportation, and senior services.

"I know from experience Brandon is a strategic thinker that will help our agency continue to grow and improve" said Kevin Tanner, Commissioner of DBHDD. "Brandon's depth of public and private sector experience and skills will definitely strengthen DBHDD, enabling us to accelerate our impact in a rapidly changing healthcare environment."

Kenney, a two-time finalist for Georgia CIO of the Year award, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations and Systems Management from the University of South Alabama and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a concentration in the Management of Technology. He and his wife Cristina have a son and a daughter and live in Forsyth County.

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