



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
December 14, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 24.260

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald called the December 14, 2016 Behavioral Health Coordination Council meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present:

Commissioner Frank Berry (*DCH*)
Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*)
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (*DPH*)

Senator Renee Unterman (*District 45*)
Stanley Jones, (*Family Representative*)
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (*ODSO*)

Members Teleconferencing:

Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*)
Diane Reeder (Parent Representative)

Gregory Dozier (*DOC*)
Julie Spores, (Adult Consumer Representative)

Members Absent:

Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*)
Commissioner Kamila Knowles (*DCA*)
Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*)

Commissioner Avery Niles (*DJJ*)
Commissioner Mark Butler (*DOL*)
Commissioner Robin Crittenden (*DHS*)

Fitzgerald called on Sheila Corn, outreach coordinator for the RESPECT Institute. Corn introduced guest speaker Stephanie Ball who shared her history of struggles endured in her early years and now lives a life of recovery.

Agenda items included: a presentation of the Interagency Director's Team's Georgia System of Care State Plan for approval (Linda McCall, DCH); legislative updates (Senator Renee Unterman and Representative Kate Dempsey); and an overview about Closing the Coverage Gap (Wendy Tiegreen, DBHDD). Fitzgerald reminded the council that the BHCC would be submitting its annual report to the General Assembly for the upcoming legislative session and the members of the council will receive a draft for review prior to the next council meeting.

The following action items were approved.

1. *Approval of the June 22, 2016 meeting minutes*
2. *Nomination of Frank Berry for BHCC Vice-Chair*
3. *Nomination for BHCC Member-at-Large*
4. *Approval of the BHCC 2017 meeting calendar.*
5. *Approval of BHCC Executive Committee 2017 meeting calendar*
6. *Approval of the Interagency Directors Team's (IDT) Georgia System of Care State Plan.*
7. *Approval of the Brain Trust for Babies presenting a plan at the next council meeting.*

There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.