



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 15, 2019
10:00 -11:30 A.M.

2 Peachtree Street, NW, 24th Floor Board Room
Atlanta, GA 30303

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Commissioner and BHCC Chair Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)

Council Members:

- **Present:** Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)
Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)
Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH)
Family Representative, Stanley Jones, Esq.
Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO)
- **Conferencing:** Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)
Commissioner Robyn Crittenden (DHS)
Commissioner Timothy Ward (GDC)
Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)
Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)
Parent Representative Diane Reeder
Adult Consumer Representative Julie Spores
- **Absent:** Senator Renee Unterman (District 45)
Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH)
Commissioner Avery Niles (DJJ)
Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA)
Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL)

DBHDD Leadership: Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
David Sofferin, Director, Office of Public Affairs
Lavin Briggs, Director of Special Projects

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 10:00am and welcomed everyone. Guest speaker Michael Shoptaw RESPECT Institute graduate shared his lived experiences and his steps toward recovery.

Two action items were on the agenda and unanimously approved.

1. The BHCC February 13, 2019 meeting minutes
2. The 2018 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Annual Report

The BHCC initiative updates were given on the Interagency Directors Team “Georgia System of Care” (Ann DiGirolamo, Center of Excellence for Children’s Behavioral Health) and the Transition Support and Recovery (Terri Timberlake, DBHDD).

The Commissioner’s report began with a presentation on Deaf Services and Mental Health (Kelly Sterling, DBHDD); followed by an update on Suicide Prevention (Walker Tisdale, DBHDD).

There was no public comment.

There was no further business

The May 15, 2019 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.