

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

DBHDD

Office of the Commissioner

**Behavioral Health Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2022
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
*Meeting held via WebEx only.***

Meeting Called By: Judy Fitzgerald, Chair

Facilitator: Judy Fitzgerald

BHCC Liaison: Tracy Gamble

Council Members: Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD); Commissioner
Present Virtually: Commissioner Candice Broce (DHS); Commissioner Caylee
Noggle (DCH); Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA);
Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO);
Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH); Commissioner Kay
Kirkpatrick (District 32); Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS);
Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP); Commissioner Timothy Ward
(GDC); and Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (DJJ).

Absent: Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL), Commissioner, Julie Spores
(Adult Consumer Representative) Superintendent Richard Woods
(DOE); Stanley Jones, Esq., (Family Representative);
Commissioner Greg Dozier (TCSG); Commissioner Amy Jacobs
(DECAL); and Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)

DBHDD Leadership Brenda Woodard, Esq., General Counsel Services, and
David Sofferin, Director Office of Public Affairs

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair Judy Fitzgerald; 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fitzgerald welcomed everyone and thanked all attending the meeting for their participation.

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald shared information about the Council's next phase with additional members joining, new development and responsibilities described in legislation HB 1013. More conversation will be held with the sharp focus on behavioral health needs, gaps and opportunities that exist within the state. Commissioner Fitzgerald explained, a robust opportunity is ahead to be in alignment with the new expectations and obligations of the council.

The Chair's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced Dawn Peel, Director of DBHDD's Office of Crisis Coordination. Dawn provided an in-depth update on Georgia's 9-8-8 roll out data, a direct line to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline counselors for the last 30-45 days. The presentation included key trends to watch such as community crisis referrals.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Being there was no further business, Chair Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

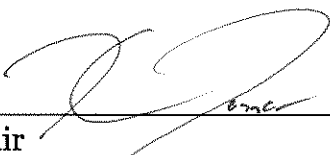
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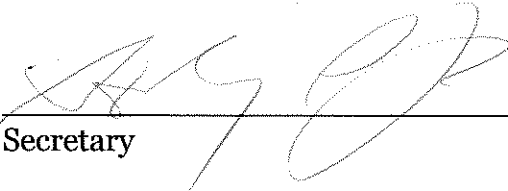
The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Behavioral Health Coordinating Council will be held on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Gamble, BHCC Liaison

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary