



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

DBHDD

Office of the Commissioner

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

Meeting Called By: Kim Ryan, Chair

Recording Secretary: Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

Board Members

- **Conferencing:** Kim Ryan, David Glass, Ellice Martin, Jimmy Thomas, Laura Whitaker, Jean Sumner, Lasa Joiner, Jan Ligon and Justine Welsh
- **Absent:** No Absentees

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair Kim Ryan; 1:03 p.m.

Chair Kim Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recovery Presentation

Laurisa Guerrero of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse introduced Bianca Prieto to the members of the board. Bianca is an ED Recovery Coach at the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. She shared her personal story of recovery.

Commissioner's Report

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.

Jeff Minor, *Deputy Commissioner/Chief Operating Officer*, provided an update on DBHDD staff and operations.

Adrian Johnson, *director of Field Operations*, provided information regarding Behavioral Health and Crisis Services.

Ron Wakefield, *director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities*, gave an update on I/DD.

Melissa Sperbeck, *director of the Division of Performance Management & Quality Improvement*, contributed insight on collaborative work with the Department of Community Health and provider management.

David Sofferin, *director of the Office of Public Affairs*, provided information on how we are communicating with providers and constituents.

Greg Hoyt, *director of the Office of Hospital Operations*, provided an update on the DBHDD hospitals and their functionality.

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

Action Item

There was one action item approved:

1. Approval of the December 12, 2019, board meeting minutes: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. Ellice Martin made the motion, which was seconded by Laura Whitaker. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chair Kim Ryan gave brief remarks and commended the agency for its great work.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Jimmy Thomas and was seconded by Lasa Joiner. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Special Notes

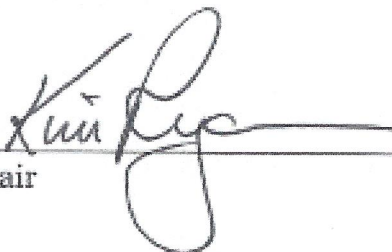
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, June 11, 2020**.

The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24th floor Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted by:

Courtney Gay, recording secretary

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary