



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health &
Developmental Disabilities

Kevin Tanner, Commissioner

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Office of the Commissioner

Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, October 12, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E.

West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512

Atlanta, GA 30334

This meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx for the public and Board Members.

Meeting Called By: David Glass, Chairman

Recording Secretary: Chelsee Nabritt, Community Outreach
Manager

Board Members

- **In-person Conferencing:** David Glass, Lasa Joiner, and Jan Ligon, Ph.D.
- **Virtual Conferencing:** Bubber Epps, Jimmy Thomas, and Jean Sumner, M.D.
- **Telephone:** Ellice Martin, Ed.D. Amanda Owens, and Deb Bailey

DBHDD Leadership: Kevin Tanner, Commissioner
Brandon Kenney, Assistant Commissioner
Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner
Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel

Agenda

Call to Order: Chairman David Glass; 1:06 p.m.

Chairman David Glass welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Chelsee Nabritt to conduct the roll call.

Recovery Presentation

Chairman David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Rachael Holloman, Interim Director of Suicide Prevention and Federal Grants to introduce the guest speaker Taylor Peyton. Ms. Peyton shared her recovery journey with the Board and expressed to them how grateful she is to be working with the department.

Action Items

1. Board Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2023: Chairman David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Lasa Joiner made a motion, which was seconded by Jan Ligon, Ph.D. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of the State Property Short-Term Lease was the second item on the agenda. Chairman David Glass asked for a motion to approve the State Property Short-Term Lease. Lasa Joiner made a motion, which was seconded by Jean Sumner, M.D. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by inviting Assistant Commissioner of Operations, Brandon Kenney to the podium to introduce Chief Financial Officer, Chris Hamilton to share the budget updates regarding hospital staffing and Human Resources Director Clifton Mitchell to further discuss recruitment efforts on behalf of the department.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Forensic Services Director, Julie Oliver to present a forensic update on behalf of the department.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Community Outreach Manager, Jeff Breedlove to inform the board about the mobilize recovery across Georgia bus tour; and further explained how the tour affected thousands of people in recovery across the state.

Commissioner Tanner introduced the Interim Director of Suicide Prevention and Federal Grants, Rachael Holloman to present to the board to share the outcome of the Hope Changes Everything Teen Summit 2023. The Summit was held to inform teens about suicide prevention and learn to lean on others within the community if they are in crisis.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Director of Talent Acquisition, Development and Learning, Theodore Carter, Jr. to present to the Board the success of the Behavioral Health and Law Conference. The conference was held to bring dedicated law

enforcement leaders and behavioral health practitioners together to learn from each other to make a positive impact on the community.

Commissioner Tanner then presented to the Board information regarding the groundbreaking of the 1st Crisis Stabilization Diagnostic Center in Macon, GA. He further explained services the Crisis Stabilization Diagnostic Center will provide to those in the surrounding area.

Commissioner Tanner thanked staff members for presenting to the Board and recognized Taylor Peyton for sharing such a powerful story. He recognized Rachael Holloman and presented her with an employee Triple E (Employee's Exceeding Expectations) Award.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

Chairman's Report

Chairman David Glass thanked Commissioner Tanner and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities staff for updating the Board members on the agency's recent events.

Public Comment

There was 1 comment from the public at this meeting.

Adjournment

There was no further business for the day; Chairman David Glass asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Jean Sumner, M.D., and was seconded by Lasa Joiner. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

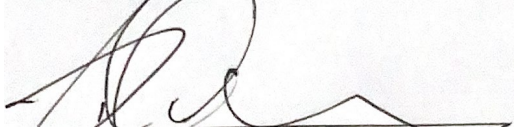
Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, December 7th, 2023**.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chelsee Nabritt, Community Outreach Manager

Signatures:



Chairman



Secretary