



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

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Office of the Commissioner

**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

*This meeting was conducted via WebEx with video connection for Board Members.
There was no in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.*

Meeting Called By: Kim Ryan, Chair

Recording Secretary: Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

Board Members:

- **Conferencing:** Kim Ryan, David Glass, Ellice Martin, Jimmy Thomas, Laura Whitaker, Justine Welsh, Lasa Joiner, and Jan Ligon
- **Absent:** Jean Sumner

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner/COO
Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner
Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair Kim Ryan; 1:00 p.m.

Chair Kim Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recovery Presentation

Jeff Breedlove of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse introduced Dawn Mullinax to the members of the board. Ms. Mullinax is a CARES ED Team Lead Recovery Coach

with the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. She shared her personal story of recovery.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald provided a detailed update on the renewal of the COMP and NOW Waivers.

Emile Risby, M.D., *director of the Division of Hospital Services and Chief Medical Officer*, provided an update on COVID-19 preventative measures within Hospital Services.

Doug Reineke, director of *legislative affairs*, provided a General Assembly update.

Commissioner Fitzgerald gave insight and status on the 988 National initiative.

Danté McKay, *director of the Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families*, introduced Dr. Mark Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Gateway Community Service Board, to provide a plethora of information regarding workforce development on their psychiatric residency program and their child and adolescent fellowship.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report by thanking DBHDD staff and providers. She will continue to be optimistic about the advances made for the pathway ahead and the agency's continued efforts.

Action Item

There was one action item approved:

1. Approval of the December 10, 2020 board meeting minutes: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. David Glass made the motion, which was seconded by Ellice Martin. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chair Kim Ryan gave brief remarks, commended the agency for its great work, and announced her retirement and resignation from the board.

Commissioner Fitzgerald presented Chair Ryan with a plaque and a framed proclamation signed by Governor Kemp in honor of her service to the state and DBHDD.

Brenda Woodard, *General Counsel*, gave accolades to Chair Ryan and announced the board will need to elect and vote for new chairperson at the next meeting.

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 Laura Whitaker. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.


Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, April 15, 2021**.

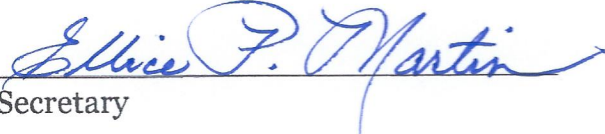
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Respectfully submitted by:
Courtney Gay, recording secretary

Signatures:



Chair



Secretary