



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 10, 2022
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: David Glass, Chair

Recording Secretary: Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

Board Members

- **Conferencing:** David Glass, Ellice Martin, Justine Welsh, Jimmy Thomas, Lasa Joiner, Scott Hilton, Jan Ligon and Jean Sumner
- **Absent:** Amanda Owens

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair David Glass; 1:12 p.m.

Chair David Glass welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked David Sofferin to conduct the roll call.

Recovery Presentation

Chair David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Jeff Breedlove of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Jeff West. Mr. West shared his story of recovery.

Commissioner's Report

Emile Risby, M.D., *director of the Division of Hospital Services and Chief Medical Officer*, provided an informative presentation detailing hospital status, accomplishments, protocols, and adverse challenges being faced.

Kelli Bishop, Psy.D., *director of Eligibility of the Division of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, gave presentation detailing the IDD pre-eligibility and eligibility process.

Terri Timberlake-Briscoe, Ph.D., *director of the Office of Adult Mental Health*, gave insight on the assisted outpatient treatment enhancement pilot and co-responder pilot.

Commissioner Fitzgerald gave encouraging words and accolades to staff for their hard work and dedication. Commissioner also reported to the Board due to scheduling conflict, the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Action Items

One action item was approved:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2021: Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Lasa Joiner made the motion, which was seconded by Jean Sumner. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chair David Glass gave brief remarks and commended the agency for its great work.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Chair David Glass asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Jimmy Thomas and was seconded by Jean Sumner. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, June 9, 2022.**

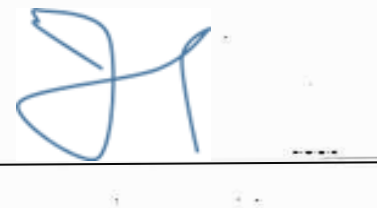
**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Board meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Otherwise, Board meetings are held at 2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor, Board Room, Atlanta, GA from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*

Respectfully submitted by:

Courtney Gay, recording secretary

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary