



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
October 14, 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: David Glass, Chair

Recording Secretary: Courtney Gay (DBHDD)

Board Members

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

DBHDD Leadership: Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner
Brenda King Woodard, General Counsel

Agenda

Call to Order: Chair David Glass; 1:03 p.m.

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

Recovery Presentation

Chair David Glass introduced Candice Savannah to the members of the board. Ms. Savannah is a CARES Volunteer Coordinator with the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. She shared her personal story of recovery.

Commissioner's Report

Jill Mays, *director of the Office of Behavioral Health Prevention and Federal Grants*, provided an informative presentation on the Division of Behavioral Health updates followed by Commissioner Fitzgerald's encouraging words and support.

Madhu Gundlapalli, M.D., *deputy medical director of the Division of Hospital Services*, provided a thorough hospital update on COVID-19 coexistence in the DBHDD hospitals.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report informing the Board of the continuous efforts and hard work the DBHDD staff continues to provide.

Action Items

Six action items were approved:

1. **Approval of Patients' Rights Rules and Regulations:** Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Scott Hilton made the motion, which was seconded by Lasa Joiner. The motion was passed unanimously.
2. **Approval of Patient Cost of Care:** Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Amanda Owens made the motion, which was seconded by Jimmy Thomas. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Emergency Receiving, Evaluating, and Treatment Facilities:** Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Ellice Martin made the motion, which was seconded by Lasa Joiner. The motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Request to Surplus Property Located at Central State Hospital:** Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Lasa Joiner made the motion, which was seconded by Amanda Owens. The motion was passed unanimously.
5. **Approval of Request for Reclamation of Central State Hospital Property:** Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Scott Hilton made the motion, which was seconded by Justine Welsh. The motion was passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of Request to Surplus 7209 Seawright Drive Property, Chatham County:** Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Jimmy Thomas made the motion, which was seconded by Amanda Owens. The motion was passed unanimously.

One action item will stand approved to reflect the expressed revisions:

1. The August 26, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Chair David Glass asked for a motion to approve. Lasa Joiner made a motion for expressed revisions. Jimmy Thomas made the motion, which was seconded by Scott Hilton. The motion for revisions 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 Lasa Joiner and was seconded by Scott Hilton. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, December 9, 2021**.

**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