



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
June 11, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

This meeting will be conducted WebEx audio access only.

There will be 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, 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

Neil Campbell of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse introduced Jeff Breedlove to the members of the board. Mr. Breedlove is the chief of communications and policy at the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. He shared his personal story of recovery.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced members of her team to provide an update of DBHDD's continuous efforts of safety and care amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Doug Reineke, *legislative liaison*, acknowledged pending information regarding the legislature session and DBHDD's budget.

Dr. Emile Risby, M.D., *director of the Division of Hospital Services and chief medical officer*, provided an updated synopsis on the DBHDD hospitals, staff, and patients.

Monica Johnson, *director of the Division of Behavioral Health*, contributed insight into behavioral health community programs.

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

Monica Patel, *director of the Office of Legal Services*, provided information on the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, its progress, and efforts.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report by thanking DBHDD staff, for their engaging work and effort.

Action Item

There was one action item approved:

1. Approval of the April 16, 2020 board meeting minutes: Chair Kim Ryan asked for a motion to approve. Lasa Joiner 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 Justine Welsh. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Special Notes

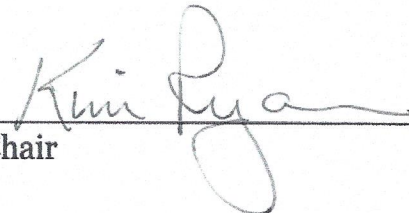
The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, August 13, 2020**.

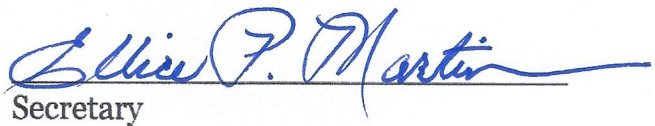
The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24th floor Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted by:

Courtney Gay, recording secretary

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary