



DBHDD

**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2017**  
**1:01 p.m.**  
**2 Peachtree Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

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**Meeting Called By:** Kim Ryan, Chair

**Facilitator:** Kim Ryan

**Note Taker:** Rayna Gibson (DBHDD)

**Members Present:** David Glass, Ellice Martin, Jean Sumner and Kenny Holton

**Members Teleconferencing:** Jan Ligon

**Members Absent:** Kim Carroll-Hawkins Johnny Grant, and Jimmy Thomas

**DBHDD Leadership:** Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner  
Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner  
Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner/General Counsel  
Lavin Gartland Briggs, Special Projects Director/Board Liaison  
David Sofferin, Director of Public Affairs  
Angelyn Dionysatos, Press Secretary

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** Kim Ryan

Chair Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting, and recognized the members participating via teleconference.

### Recovery Presentation

Chair Ryan recognized Sheila M. Corn, Outreach Coordinator from the Respect Institute. Chair Ryan introduced **Lezlie Poole** to the members of the Board, a recent graduate from the Perry wellness Center in Americus, Georgia. Ms. Poole shared how she was successfully using her recovery experience to help others.

### Action Items

Both action items were approved:

1. Approval of the December 15 Board Meeting minutes: **Chair Ryan** made a motion to approve, which was seconded by **David Glass**. The minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.
2. Resolution regarding conveyance of property at Central State Hospital.

### Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced the following DBHDD staff to provide specific updates:

- Doug Reineke, legislative liaison, gave an update about the amended fiscal year 2017 that was signed by Governor Deal February 15, 2017. He also stated that fiscal year 2018 is still in process and is awaiting vote in the House Rules Committee.
- Terri Timberlake, Ph.D., Director of Adult Mental Health, gave a housing update. She spoke about DBHDD's Community Residential Rehabilitation services that place individuals in a better position to transition into the community and become self-sufficient. She also discussed the Georgia Housing Voucher and the Bridge Funding Programs.
- Doug Engle, Chief Information Officer, spoke about the IT improvements at DBHDD. He discussed the implementation of the Share-Point database and how it will improve the timeliness, accuracy, and accountability of sharing information throughout the agency. He also spoke about the accomplishments and improved infrastructure and technology at 2 Peachtree, all hospitals, and field offices.

Commissioner Fitzgerald concluded her report with brief remarks.

### Chair's Report

Chair Ryan stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

### Public Comment

There was one public comment offered.

### Adjournment

There was no further business. Chair Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by **Jimmy Thomas** and was seconded by Ellice Martin. The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

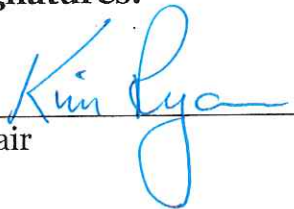
### Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017**. The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24<sup>th</sup> floor Boardroom.

### Respectfully submitted by:

Rayna Gibson, recording secretary

### Signatures:

  
Chair 4/20/17

  
Secretary