



**Behavioral Health Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes**

**June 24, 2015
10:00 a.m.
24th floor Board Room**

Meeting Called by: Commissioner Frank Berry, Chair (DBHDD); 10:06 a.m.

Facilitator: Frank Berry

Note Taker: Tracy Gamble (DBHDD)

Members Present: Senator Renee Unterman
Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)
Commissioner Homer Bryson (DOC)
Commissioner Clyde Reese (DCH)
Stanley Jones, Parent Representative

Members Teleconferencing: Representative Katie Dempsey
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (DPH)
Commissioner Avery Niles (DJJ)
Diane Reeder, Parent Representative
Julie Spores, Adult Consumer Representative

Members Absent: Commissioner Keith Horton (DHS)
Commissioner Camila Knowles (DCA)
Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)

DBHDD Leadership: Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor
Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations Lavin Gartland Briggs
General Counsel Amy Howell

Agenda

Call to Order: Frank Berry

Recovery Presentation

Commissioner Berry introduced recovery speaker Joan Moffson, a recent graduate of the RESPECT Institute and a certified peer support specialist.

*Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner*

Action Items

BHCC Nomination: Slate of Officers

- Commissioner Berry called on Commissioner Fitzgerald, chair of the BHCC nomination committee, to announce the slate of nominees for vice chair and secretary.
- Commissioner Fitzgerald officially announced the slate of nominees: Commissioner Clyde Reese is being nominated for vice chair, and Stanley Jones is being nominated for secretary. If approved, they will each serve a term of two years in accordance with the bylaws.

Approval of Slate

- Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve the slate of nominees. Chairman Barnard made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Niles seconded. The slate of nominees was unanimously approved.

Approval of the BHCC Vice Chair

- Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve Commissioner Clyde Reese as vice chair. Senator Unterman made the motion to approve, and Chairman Barnard seconded. Commissioner Reese was unanimously approved to serve as vice chair of the BHCC.

Approval of the BHCC Secretary

- Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve Stanley Jones as secretary. Senator Unterman made the motion to approve, and Julie Spores seconded. Stanley Jones was unanimously approved to serve as secretary of the BHCC.

Additional Action Items

- Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve and adopt the following action items:
 1. *December 17, 2014 BHCC meeting minutes*
 2. *Proposed 2015 meeting schedule*
 3. *2014 BHCC Annual Report*

Commissioner Reese made a motion to approve and adopt the December 17, 2014 BHCC meeting minutes; the proposed 2015 meeting schedule; and the 2014 BHCC Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Senator Unterman. The December 17, 2014 BHCC meeting minutes; the proposed 2015 meeting schedule; and the 2014 BHCC Annual Report were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

BHCC Initiatives

Interagency Directors Team (IDT)

Commissioner Berry called on Matt Yancey, Director of DBHDD's Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families, to give an update on the IDT.

Transition Support and Re-entry Workgroup

Commissioner Berry asked Terri Timberlake, Director of DBHDD's Office of Adult Mental Health, to share an update on the workgroup.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Berry highlighted the following:

- Upcoming visit to Valdosta to meet with sheriffs and local delegations about the efficacy of community-based services since the closing of Southwestern State Hospital
- DBHDD initiatives
- Recognition of Deputy Commissioner Jeff Minor and Chief of Staff Judy Fitzgerald for their work to implement DBHDD's reorganization

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There was no further business. Commissioner Berry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Chairman Barnard and seconded by Commissioner Berry. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.


Special Notes

The next scheduled Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting will be held on **September 23, 2015**.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Gamble, Council and Committee Liaison

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary