



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018
1:00 p.m.
2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor Boardroom
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Meeting Called By: Kim Ryan, Chair

Facilitator: Kim Ryan

Note Taker: Rayna Gibson (DBHDD)

Members Present: David Glass, Jean Sumner, and Jan Ligon

Members Teleconferencing: Jimmy Thomas, Kenneth Holton, and Ellice Martin

Members Absent: Kim Carroll-Hawkins

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

Agenda

Call to Order: Kim Ryan; 1:00 p.m.

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

Recovery Presentation

Chair Ryan introduced Neil Campbell, Executive Director with the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, who then introduced **Avery Nix**, a person in long term recovery who is currently a Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist with GCSA's. Avery's

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foundation in 12-step recovery has proved to assist him in his vision to spread a message of hope and recovery to those with substance abuse disorder.

Action Items

Three action items were approved:

1. Approval of the October 19th 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. Approval of the December 14th Board Meeting minutes: **Chair Ryan** made a motion to approve, which was seconded by **Jan Ligon**. The minutes were unanimously approved without additions or corrections.
3. Board Resolution Chatham County-Truman Linear Park Trail: **Chair Ryan** made a motion to approve the Chatham County Truman Linear Trail, which was seconded by **Kenneth Holton**. The resolution was unanimously approved without additions or corrections.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced members of her team to give the following updates:

- **Ron Wakefield, Director Division of Developmental Disabilities**, shared the reasons why there was a need to re-design the Planning List process and those included reducing the time it takes to get individuals who are in great need of services through the process and into services. The department is implementing two Planning lists, one for NOW and another for COMP services. They designated specific staff in each Field Office as Navigators and they are specifically working to assist families and individuals on the Planning list who desire information, guidance and linkage to resources. They also developed a multiyear plan to address the growing Planning List and this was submitted to the General Assembly and this plan is currently on DBHDD's website.
- **Doug Reineke, Director of Legislative Affairs**: gave an update that the amended FY 2018 budget was favorably passed and will now be taken up by the Senate Appropriations Committee. He also gave an update on the current bills that passed which included the HB 635, HB 701, HB 703, and HB 769.
- **Travis Fretwell, Director of Behavioral Health Prevention**: gave an over view of the three focus areas in the department of Behavioral Health Prevention; substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, and mental health promotion. Fretwell gave a brief update on the current projects that are in progress for each of the focus areas that will incorporate suicide prevention and mental health promotion into the existing substance abuse prevention efforts. He highlighted the current OBHP media campaigns that are showcased throughout the community and at the theaters. These campaigns include Mental Health PSA's, STR Opioid PSA's and Alcohol Prevention.
- **Karen Bailey, Director of Forensics Services**: gave an overview of the services the department of forensics provides. These services includes; Forensic Evaluation

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and Expert Testimony, Competency Restoration, Inpatient evaluation and treatment, Community Forensic Services, and Juvenile Forensic Services. She closed with the challenges that the department is facing while highlighting their achievements.

Commissioner Fitzgerald concluded her report with a brief update on the ADA Settlement Agreement Extension.

Chair's Report

Chair Ryan commended Commissioner on the great work of her team.

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 **David Glass** and was seconded by **Kenneth Holton**. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.


Special Notes

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will be held on **Thursday, April 19, 2018**. The meeting will be held at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the 24th floor Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rayna Gibson, recording secretary

Signatures:


Chair


Secretary