



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2017  
1:00 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:** Ellice Martin and Jimmy Thomas

**Members  
Teleconferencing:  
Members Absent:** David Glass, Kenneth Holton, Kim-Carrol Hawkins, Jan Ligon,  
and Jean Sumner

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

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan; 1:01 p.m.

Chair Kim Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Recovery Presentation

Lindsey Sizemore, of the RESPECT Institute of Georgia, introduced Arlene Oliver to the members of the Board. Mr. Oliver shared his recovery story on adjusting to life after incarceration. He is currently giving back by speaking at different penitentiaries across Georgia.

### Action Items

There were two action items that were not voted on due to a lack of quorum. These items will be voted on the upcoming February 15 Board meeting:

1. October 19, 2017 Minutes
2. Board Resolution-Chatham County-Truman Linear Park Trail

### Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fitzgerald announced DBHDD's "Brand Refresh" to members of the Board, during which she unveiled the new logo and gave a brief presentation on the new design, concept, and how the new logo will represent DBHDD moving forward. She also gave a report on the Medication-Assisted Treatment audit report and then introduced members of her team to give updates on the following:

**Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner/General Counsel**, gave an update on the department's progress with provision of services in compliance with the consent order for the Belton class action.

**Dante McKay, Director of the Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families**, gave a presentation on the public system service array for children, young adults, and families. He provided an overview of the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care phases and services provided by DBHDD and the Department of Community Health.

**Wendy Tiegreen, Director of the Office of Medicaid Services**, presented on the recommendations of the Multi-Agency State Autism Collaborative. She gave a brief demographic breakdown of the individuals currently diagnosed and enrolled in Georgia who receive Medicaid; the FY 2018 budget, and the current Tri-Department Planning Initiative.

**Terri Timberlake, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Adult Mental Health**, presented on DBHDD's efforts in support of compliance with the provision of the ADA Settlement

Extension related to supported housing. She also spoke about the provisions related to people with serious and persistent mental illness within DBHDD's population.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Ryan provided brief remarks.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment offered.

### **Adjournment**

There was no further business. Chair Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by **Ellice Martin** and was seconded by **Jimmy Thomas**. 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, February 15, 2018**. 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

  
Secretary