



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health &
Developmental Disabilities

Kevin Tanner, Commissioner

Office of the Commissioner

**Behavioral Health Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Hybrid Meeting)
200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E.
West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Meeting Called By: Kevin Tanner, Chairman

Facilitator: Kevin Tanner, Chairman

BHCC Liaison: Chelsee Nabritt

Council Members:

In-Person: Commissioner Kevin Tanner (DBHDD), Commissioner Amy Jacobs (DECAL); *Alexia Jones (Child Advocate)*, Commissioner Candice Broce (DHS), Commissioner Russel Carlson (DCH), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH), Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (District 32), Representative Stanley Jones, Esq., (Family Representative), Commissioner Sharonda Reynolds-Cobb (DJJ), Veda Johnson (Director)

Video Conference: Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA), Commissioner Greg Dozier (TCSG), Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS), Nathan Call (Expert on Child & Adolescent Health), Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (GDC)

Absent: Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO), Julie Spores (Adult Consumer Representative), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (DOL), Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)

DBHDD Leadership: Brandon Kenney, Assistant Commissioner of Operations, Brenda Woodard, Esq., General Counsel Services, Michael Polacek, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs; Ryan King, Director, Office of Public Affairs

Agenda

Call to Order:

Chair Kevin Tanner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Kevin Tanner called Toyia Mather-Adams, Outreach Coordinator with the RESPECT Institute of Georgia. Ms. Adams introduced guest speaker William Klosowski and he shared his recovery story.

Action Items:

There was one action item that required approval.

Approval of the May 11th, 2023, BHCC meeting minutes: Chair Kevin Tanner asked for a motion to approve. Family Representative Stanley Jones, Esq. made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb. The motion was passed unanimously.

BHCC Initiative Updates:

Chairman Tanner introduced Renee Johnson, Director of Georgia State University Georgia Health Policy Center, to present an update on Mindworks Georgia to the council.

Chairman Tanner introduced Michael Smith, Director of Behavioral Health with the Department of Community Health, to present an update on the SPMI Definition Committee.

Chairman Tanner introduced Dante McKay, Director of the Office of Children, Young Adults and Families with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to give an update to the council on MATCH.

Maternal Mortality Report:

Chairman Tanner asked Dr. Kathleen Toomey, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, to introduce herself and her staff members. Katie Kopp, MPH and Courtney Daniels, both presented the report findings on behalf of their department regarding maternal mortality.

Chairman Tanner introduced Stefanie Lopez-Howard, Director of Data and Analytics with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to present Data relating to maternal mortality as it related to her department.

Chairman Tanner introduced Deb Bailey, Former Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, Northeast Georgia Health System, to give an overview of the pilot programs that are currently in place in the Northeast Georgia Health System.

Adjournment:

Because there was no further business for the day, Chairman Tanner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Veda Johnson, M.D., made the motion, which was seconded by Family Representative Stanley Jones, Esq. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

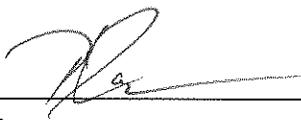
Special Notes:

The next scheduled meeting will be November 9th, 2023.

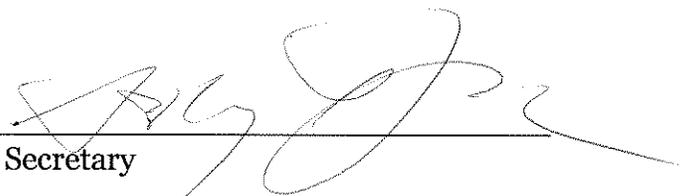
Respectfully submitted by:

Chelsee Nabritt, Community Outreach Manager

Signatures:



Chairman



Secretary