



## Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Hybrid Meeting)

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (Adult Consumer), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA), Commissioner Russel Carlson (DCH), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (DJJ), Nathan Call (Expert on Child & Adolescent Health), Veda Johnson (Director)

*Video Conference:* Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (District 32), Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS), Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODOS), Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (GDC), Stanley Jones, Esq., (Family Representative)

*Absent:* Commissioner Candice Broce (DHS), Commissioner Greg Dozier (TCSG), Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (DOL), Director Jerry Bruce (OCA)

**DBHDD Leadership:** Monica Patel, Esq., Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs and Chief Legal Officer, Brandon Kenney, Assistant Commissioner of Operations, and Brenda Woodard, Esq., General Counsel

## **Agenda**

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Kevin Tanner called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Chairman Kevin Tanner asked Mrs. Toyia Mather, Outreach Coordinator for the Respect Institute of Georgia, to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Mrs. Mather introduced herself and asked Mr. Blayne Hiner to share his recovery journey with the council members.

### **Action Items:**

There was an action item on the agenda that required approval.

*Approval of the November 9, 2023, meeting minutes:* Chairman Kevin Tanner asked for a motion of approval. Dr. Nathan Call made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds- Cobb. The motion passed unanimously.

### **BHCC Initiative Updates:**

Chairman Tanner introduced Renee Johnson, Director of Georgia State University's Georgia Health Policy Center, to present an update on Mindworks Georgia to the council. Mrs. Johnson gave minor updates on the Mindworks Georgia initiative and explained that she and her team are currently working on the completion of the Mindworks Strategic Plan. The Mindworks Strategic Plan should be completed by the end of February; Mrs. Johnson and her team will be prepared to present it to the council at the next Behavioral Health and Coordinating Council meeting.

Chairman Tanner thanked Mrs. Johnson and her team for their hard work and asked Mrs. Johnson to provide an overview of the Georgia Mindworks Initiative to the council members as a refresher at the next meeting as well.

Chairman Tanner then introduced Dante' McKay, JD, MPA, Director of the Office of Children, Young Adults and Families, to the podium to present an update on the MATCH Committee to the council. Mr. McKay informed the committee about the impact HB 1013 has had on the community and the agency, gave an overview of MATCH's implementation and continuum of care within the community. He also spoke about how the MATCH planning committee are working on the recommendations they reported in May of 2023.

Chairman Tanner thanked Mr. McKay for presenting to the council members. He asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding today's presentations and informed the council that today's meeting was short due to the ongoing 2024 legislative session.

He informed everyone that he wanted to be cautious of everyone's time, because he knows that there are committee requests other commissioners on the call may have to tend to either in person or virtually.

**Adjournment:**

There was no further business for the day, Chairman Tanner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Representative Katie Dempsey which was seconded by Nathan Call, PhD. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

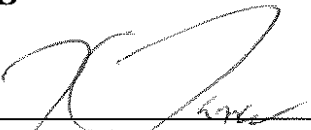

**Special Notes:**

The next scheduled meeting will be May 2, 2024.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Chelsee Nabritt, Community Outreach Manager

**Signatures:**

  
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Chairman, Kevin Tanner  
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Secretary, Stanley Jones, Esq.