

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health &  
Developmental Disabilities

Kevin Tanner, Commissioner

**DBHDD**

Office of the Commissioner

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**Behavioral Health Coordinating Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7, 2023**  
**2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**2 Peachtree Street NW Room 24.260, Atlanta, GA 30303**  
***Hybrid and in- person meeting***

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**Meeting Called By:** Kevin Tanner, Chair

**Facilitator:** Kevin Tanner

**BHCC Liaison:** Tracy Gamble

**Council Members:** Commissioner Kevin Tanner (*DBHDD*), Commissioner Caylee Noggle (*DCH*), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*), Alexia Jones (*Child Advocate*), Nathan Call (*Expert on C & A Health*)

*Video Conference:* Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODSO*), Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*) Commissioner Timothy Ward (*GDC*)

*Absent:* Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Julie Spores (*Adult Consumer Representative*), Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*), Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*)

**DBHDD Leadership** Ashley Fielding, *Assistant Commissioner*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*, David Sofferin, *Director Office of Public Affairs*, Michael Polacek, *Director Office of Legislative Affairs*

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** Chair Kevin Tanner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Chair Kevin Tanner called Jessica Smith, Outreach Coordinator with the RESPECT Institute of Georgia. Ms. Smith introduced guest speaker Courtney Robinson shared the challenges she experienced on the road to recovery.

### Action Items

There were four action items that required approval.

*Approval of the December 20, 2022 BHCC meeting minutes:* Chair Kevin Tanner asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Christopher Nunn made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Caylee Noggle. The motion was passed unanimously.

*Approval of the BHCC 2023 meeting dates.* Chair Kevin Tanner asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Tyrone Oliver made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michael Nail. The motion was passed unanimously.

*Approval of the Proposed Interagency Director's Team (IDT) Project- Interagency planning for youth with complex needs.* Chair Kevin Tanner asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Kathleen Toomey made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Candice Broce. The motion was passed unanimously.

*Approval of the creation of a committee to develop a shared definition for serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).* Chair Kevin Tanner asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Michael Nail made the motion, which was seconded by Family Representative Stanley Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

Melissa Sperbeck Director, Division of Strategy, Technology, and Performance gave an overview of the Interagency Director Team (IDT) mission, design, purpose and social aims.

Chair Tanner, spoke about the importance of creating a committee to develop a shared definition of serious mental illness as outlined in HB 520. Definitions will be consistently used by community services boards, corrections agencies, courts, law enforcement, and community supervision entities. DBHDD will conduct the pilot rollout by December 1, 2023. The definition will be finalized and adopted by December 31, 2023.

Danté McKay, Director of DBHDD's Office of Children, Young Adults & Families presented a detailed update on the Interagency Directors Team and the Match Committee. He reviewed the current System of Care Infrastructure followed by the IDT rebranding project overview, goals and phases.

Mr. McKay gave an overview on the MATCH Committee legislation and provided updates as well.

Shall facilitate collaboration across state agencies to explore resources and solutions for complex and unmet treatment needs for children in this state and to provide for solutions, including both public and private providers, as necessary.

Will accept referrals from local interagency children's committees throughout Georgia for children with complex treatment needs not met through the resources of their local community and custodians.

### **Adjournment**

Being there was no further business, Chair Tanner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher Nunn made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Caylee Noggle. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

### **Special Notes:**

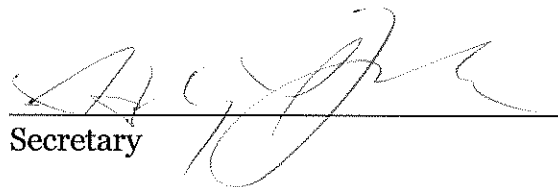
The next scheduled meeting will be May 11, 2023

### **Respectfully submitted by:**

Tracy Gamble, BHCC Liaison

### **Signatures:**

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary