



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Kevin Tanner, Commissioner

DBHDD

Office of the Commissioner

Behavioral Health Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2023
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
18 Capitol Square, SW Room 606, Atlanta, GA 30303
Hybrid meeting

Meeting Called By: Kevin Tanner, Chair

Facilitator: Kevin Tanner

BHCC Liaison: Chelsee Nabritt

Council Members:

In-Person: Commissioner Kevin Tanner (DBHDD), Commissioner Amy Jacobs (DECAL); Alexia Jones (Child Advocate), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA), Representative Stanley Jones, Esq., (Family Representative), Nathan Call (Expert on Child & Adolescent Health), Commissioner Sharonda Reynolds-Cobb (DJJ), Veda Johnson (Expert on Child and Adolescent Health)

Video Conference: Commissioner Candice Broce (DHS), Commissioner Greg Dozier (TCSG), Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH), Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13), Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS), Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE), Commissioner Timothy Ward (GDC)

Absent: Commissioner Caylee Noggle (DCH), Julie Spores (Adult Consumer Representative), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (District 32), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (DOL), Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (GDC)

DBHDD Leadership Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner, Brenda Woodard, Esq., General Counsel, 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 Mike Keesling and he shared the challenges he experienced on the road to recovery and where he is now in life.

Action Items

There was one action item that required approval.

Approval of the March 7th, 2023 BHCC meeting minutes: Chair Kevin Tanner asked for a motion to approve. Superintendent Richard Woods made the motion, which was seconded by Representative Stanley Jones, Esq. The motion was passed unanimously.

BHCC Initiative Updates

Chairman Tanner introduced Renee Johnson, Director of IDT. Renee provided the council with updates on the Interagency Directors Team regarding their mission, design, purpose, and social aims.

Chairman Tanner introduced Barbara Cleveland, Chairwoman of the Statewide MATCH Committee, to give an update to the council on the work the MATCH Committee has done thus far.

Chairman Tanner then asked for Carol Caraballo, Director of DBHDD's Office of Mental Health, to introduce Ladji Ruffin, who presented his story and his role as a Forensic Peer Mentor with DBHDD.

Chairman Tanner then asked Sarepta Archila, CCBHC State Project Director, with DBHDD and Michael Smith, Director of Behavioral Health Medical Assistance with DCH, to share an overview on the CCBHC.

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 Commissioner Christopher Nunn made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Candice Broce. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.


Special Notes:

The next scheduled meeting will be August 8th, 2023

Respectfully submitted by:

Chelsee Nabritt, Community Outreach Manager

Signatures:

Chair 

Secretary 