# Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities





### Agenda

Roll Call / Call to Order

Introduction of Speaker

**Action Items** 

Commissioner's Report

- Hospital Update
- Teen Summit Recap

Chair's Report

**Public Comment** 

#### **Next Meeting Date**

### Roll Call

David Sofferin

Director, Office of Public Affairs

## Call to Order

David Glass Chair

# Introduction of Speaker

Jeff Breedlove Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

## Action Items:

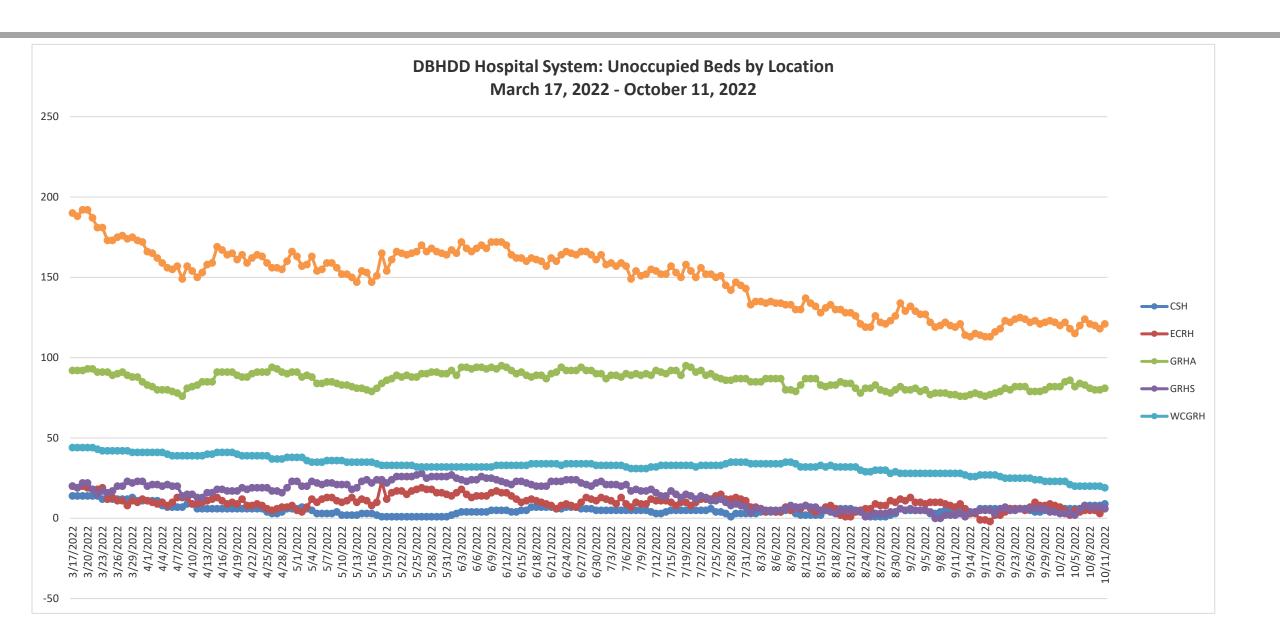
- Board Meeting Minutes August 30, 2022
- Recognition of Retiring Board Member Justine Welsh, M.D.

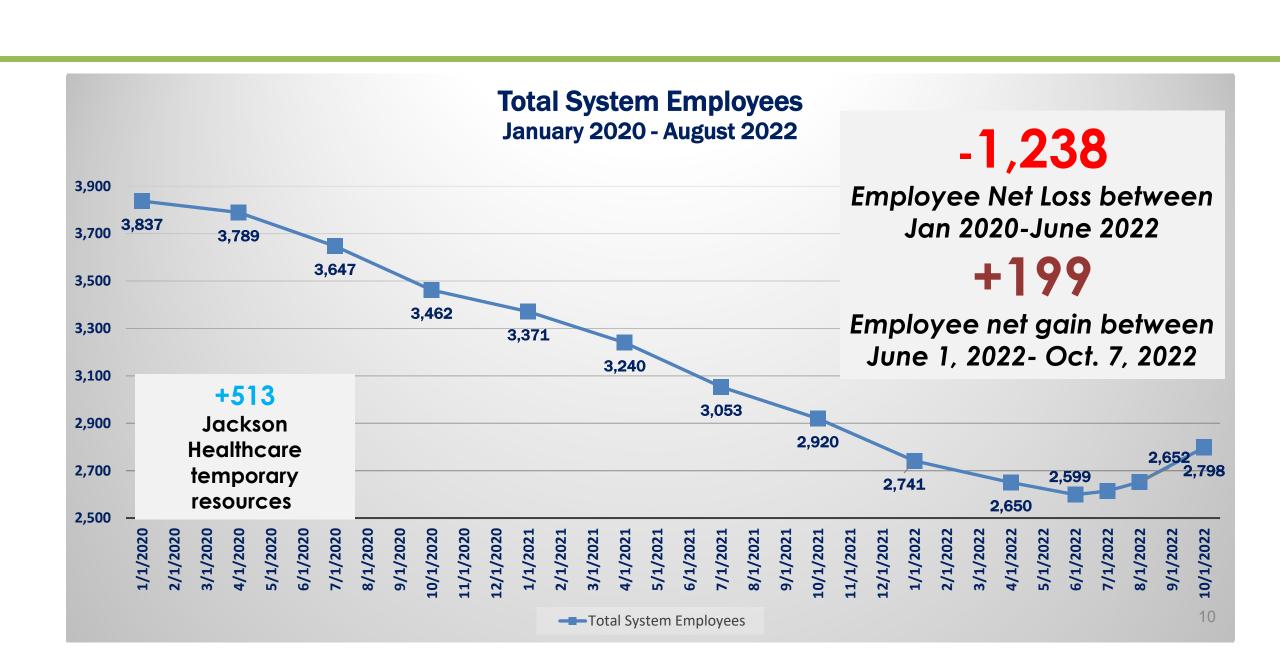
# Commissioner's Report

Judy Fitzgerald Commissioner



#### Hospital Workforce: System Progress







Suicide Prevention Team Post-Event Review Presentation



### Among Georgia Teens Aged 12-17 years...

Suicide was the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in 2020.

There were 80 suicide deaths in 2021-- a 51% increase from 2020.

Between 2017 and 2021, there were approximately 18,000 Years of Potential Life Lost.

Males accounted for 73% of suicide deaths between 2017 and 2021.

Suicide ED visits/ Hospitalizations are about four times higher among females. The suicide rate is highest among White males.

The suicide rate is higher among non-Hispanic individuals.





### **Key Points**

Attendees received messaging in a safe space from individuals catered to the youth and teen population.

Enhanced knowledge among teens about how to recognize signs and symptoms preceding a crisis and how to help.

Attendees gained familiarity with suicide crisis hotlines and resources (e.g., GCAL, 988).



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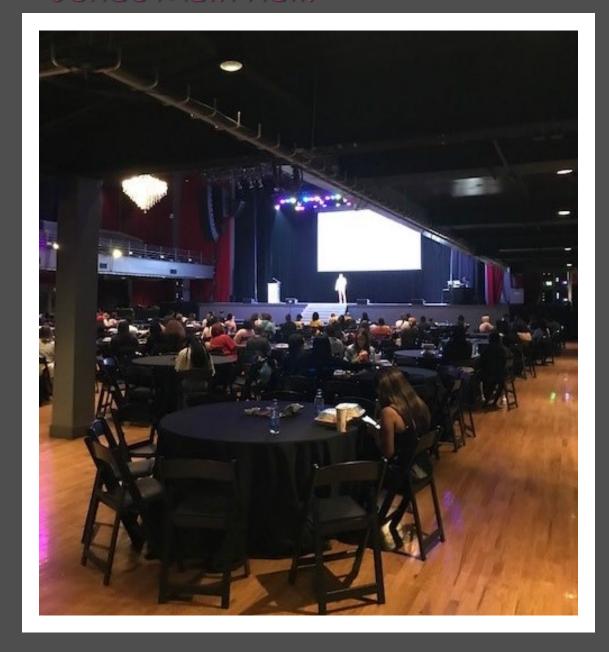


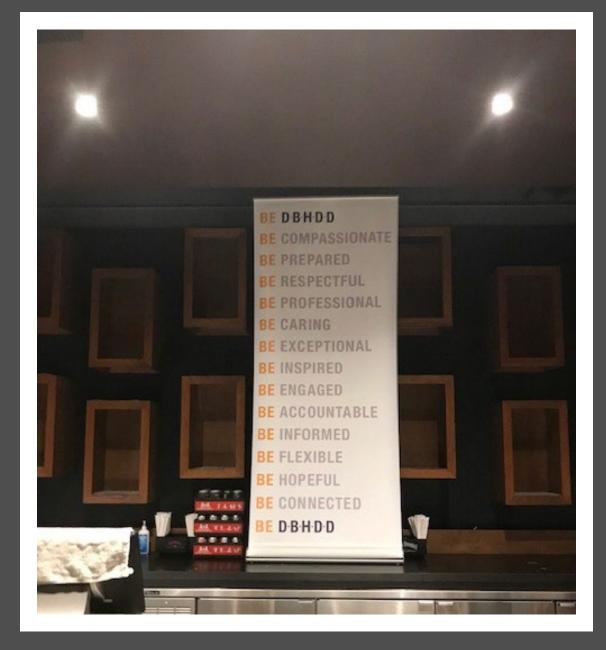


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Q&A with Jax and Benson Boone

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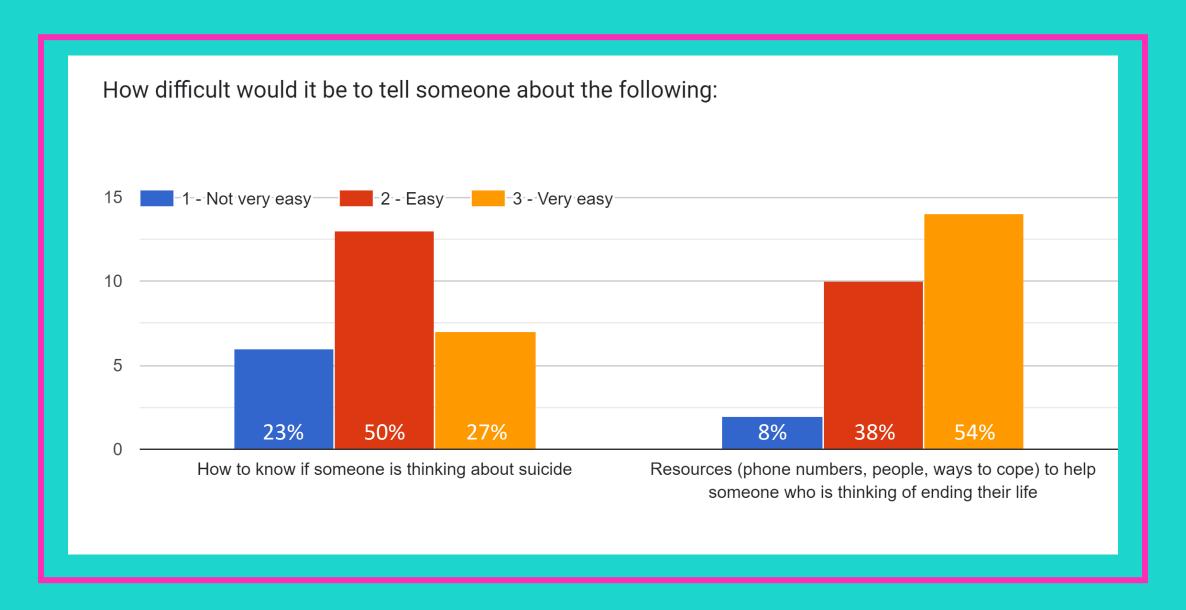








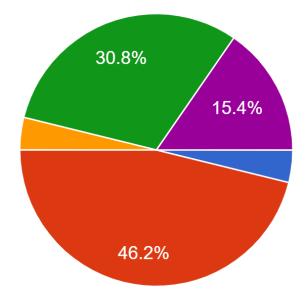
### Post-Event Survey Results



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If a friend told you they want to end their life, you would:

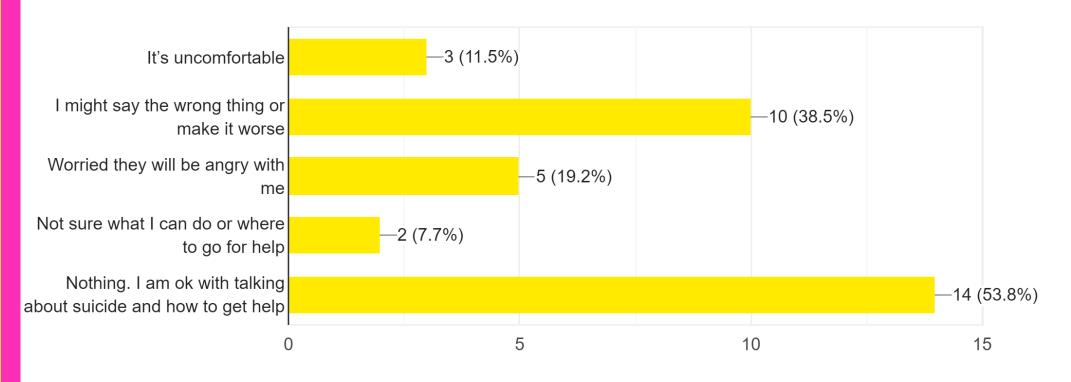
26 responses



- Tell them not to be silly or dramatic
- Listen and help them find an adult we can trust to talk to
- Change the subject because I don't know what to say
- Call or text a hotline (like the Georgia Crisis and Access Line, 988, or Crisis Text Line)
- Share all the reasons they have to live

### Post-Event Survey Results

If you were worried a friend was thinking about suicide, what might keep you from talking about it? <sup>26 responses</sup>



# Chair's Report

David Glass
Chair

# Public Comment

# Next Board Meeting

December 8, 2022

