



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

February 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Paul Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square SW, Room 310
Atlanta, GA 30334

A QUORUM WAS NOT MET!

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald, BHCC Chair (DDBHDD) called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present:

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (*DBHDD*)
Diane Reeder (*Parent Representative*)
Stanley Jones, Esq. (*Family Representative*)

Commissioner Frank Berry (*DCH*)
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (*DPH*)

Members Absent:

Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*)
Commissioner Mark Butler (*DOL*)
Commissioner *Robin Crittenden* (*DHS*)
Commissioner Greg Dozier (*DOC*)
Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*)
Commissioner Avery Niles (*DJJ*)

Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*)
Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*)
Commissioner Homer Bryson (*DOC*)
Commissioner Camila Knowles (*DCA*)
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (*ODSO*)
Julie Spores (*Adult Consumer Representative*)

Others Present:

Margaret Kaywood, Assistant Deputy Commissioner (*DJJ*)
Scott Mauer, Assistant Commissioner (*DCS*)
Donna Tebought, Director of Transitional Support (*DOC*)

DBHDD Leadership:

Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner & General Counsel
Lavin Gartland Briggs, Director of Special Projects
David Sofferin, Director, Office of Public Affairs

The agenda included: RESPECT Institute graduate and recovery guest speaker Kathy Prather who shared her story of lived experiences and credits the institute for her recovery process. Updates were given on the following: Current legislation about bills that are focused on mental health and the FY18 Budget (Doug Reineke, DBHDD); Brain Trust for Babies initiative to promote early brain development in babies (Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald, DPH); Interagency Directors Team (IDT) activities and accomplishments (Linda McCall, DCH); Transition Support and Re-Entry Workgroup overview of the Forensic Peer Mentor program and information about the second Respect and Recovery Race 5K Walk/Race (Terri Timberlake, DBHDD); and an overview about the Office of Addictive Diseases services provided to men, women and adolescents (Cassandra Price, DBHDD).

A quorum was not met. The previous meeting minutes and the 2016 BHCC Annual Report will be voted on at the next meeting.

There was no further business.

The February 15, 2017 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.