



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**December 16, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room 24.260**

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Commissioner Frank W. Berry called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and recognized new council members Michael Nail, Commissioner of Community Supervision, and Lavinia Luca, Disability Services Ombudsman.

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (DPH)  
Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)  
Senator Renee Unterman (District 45)  
Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)  
Stanley Jones (Family Representative)

Commissioner Homer Bryson (DOC)  
Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)  
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (ODSO)

**Members Teleconferencing:**

Diane Reeder (Parent Representative)

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Clyde Reese, Esq. (DCH)  
Commissioner Camila Knowles (DCA)  
Commissioner Robin Crittenden (DHS)  
Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)

Commissioner Avery Niles (DJJ)  
Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL)  
Julie Spores (Adult Consumer Representative)

**DBHDD Leadership:**

Assistant Commissioner Lavin Gartland Briggs  
General Counsel Amy Howell  
Director of Public Affairs Andrew Johnson

Berry introduced guest speaker, Noah who shared his compelling life story about the challenges he faced growing up in an environment where substance abuse was prevalent. He is now on the road of recovery.

The agenda included: an overview of the newly created Department of Community Health (Commissioner Michael Nail); updates on the Interagency Directors Team's activities for the last quarter (Dr. Christine Doyle, DJJ) and the Transition Support and re-entry Workgroup (Dr. Terri Timberlake, DBHDD). Berry reminded the council members about the BHCC Annual Report being given to them for review and approval at the next scheduled council meeting.

The following action items were approved.

1. Approval of the June 24, 2015 amended meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the September 23, 2015 meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the 2016 BHCC proposed meeting calendar.

There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.