



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

November 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

2 Peachtree Street, NW, 24th Floor Board Room
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald called the November 15, 2017 Behavioral Health Coordination Council meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present:

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)	Commissioner Frank W. Berry (DCH)
Commissioner J. Patrick O'Neal, M.D. (DPH)	
Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)	
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (ODSO)	
Stanley Jones, Esq. (Family Representative)	

Members Tele-Conferencing:

Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)	Chairman James W. Mills (PAP)
Commissioner Greg Dozier (DOC)	Julie Spores (Adult Consumer Representative)
Diane Reeder (Parent Representative)	Commissioner Avery Niles (DJJ)

Members Absent:

Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden (DHS)	Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)
Senator Renee Unterman (District 45)	Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL)
Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA)	

DBHDD Leadership:

Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner & General Counsel
Jeffery A. Minor, Deputy Commissioner & COO
Monica Johnson, Behavioral Health Division Director
David Sofferin, Director, Office of Public Affairs

The meeting began with Commissioner Fitzgerald requesting Council Members teleconferencing to identify themselves.

Lindsey Sizemore, outreach coordinator for the RESPECT Institute, introduced James Lingo. He shared his lived experience. James is a proud graduate of the RESPECT Institute.

Included on the agenda was a Legislative update from State Representative Katie Dempsey. Monica Johnson gave an overview of the recent Behavioral Health Symposium. Commissioner Fitzgerald's report included an update on DBHDD Looking into the Future, and Cassandra Price provided an update on the Opioid grant.

The following two action items were approved.

1. Approval of August 16, 2017 meeting minutes
2. Approval of Proposed 2018 BHCC Meeting dates

Time did not allow for further business.

The November 15, 2017 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.