



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
June 13, 2019
1:00 p.m.
2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor Boardroom
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Chair Kim Ryan called the meeting to order. Board members Jan Ligon, David Glass, Lasa Joiner and Kenneth Holton attended the meeting in person, and Ellice Martin, joined by phone.

Chair Kim Ryan opened the meeting by recognizing Emily Ribblet of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Jill Hooper. Ms. Hooper shared Her story of recovery from substance abuse.

There were one action items on the agenda that was approved:

1. The April 18th Board Meeting Minutes, with one revision noted – date listed June 18th instead of June 13th.

Chair Kim Ryan welcome our new board member Lasa Joiner.

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced various DBHDD staff to give updates. Kelly Sterling, MSSW, LCSW, Director, Office of Deaf Services, provided an update on improvements to deaf services in the state of Georgia. Walker Tisdale III, MPH MA, LMSW, Director of Suicide Prevention, gave a report on suicide prevention programs. R. Gravitt, Director of the Office of Performance Analysis gave an overview of The Behavioral Health Suicide Analysis. Virginia B. Sizemore, MBA, Director of the Office of Quality Improvement presented about Suicide Ideation and Provider Practices. Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report with brief updates about the department and shared two videos from Georgia Recovers.

Chair Kim Ryan provided brief remarks.

There was one public comment.

The meeting adjourned.