



## Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Summary

Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
2 Peachtree Street, NW, Board Room 24-260, Atlanta, GA 30303  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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Chair Kevin Tanner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

The meeting was held in person at 2 Peachtree St, NW Board Room, 24-260, Atlanta, GA 30303 and the following BHCC members participated.

**Council members attended in person:** Commissioner Kevin Tanner (*DBHDD*), Commissioner Caylee Noggle (*DCH*), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Representative Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*) Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*) Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*) Alexia Jones (*Child Advocate*), Nathan Call (*Expert on C & A Health*)

**Council members attended via Webex:** Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODSO*), Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*) Commissioner Timothy Ward (*GDC*),

**Council members absent:** Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Commissioner, Julie Spores (*Adult Consumer Representative*), Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*); Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*), Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*),

**DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance:**

Ashley Fielding, *Assistant Commissioner*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*, David Sofferin, *Director Office of Public Affairs*, Michael Polacek, *Director Office of Legislative Affairs*

Chair Kevin Tanner called Toyia Mather, *Outreach Coordinator* with the RESPECT Institute of Georgia. Ms. Mather introduced guest speaker, Courtney Robinson who shared her story of hope, recovery and independent living.

There were four action items on the agenda that were unanimously approved.

1. BHCC December 20, 2022 meeting minutes.
2. BHCC 2023 Hybrid Meeting Schedule
3. Proposed IDT Project – Interagency planning for youth with complex needs
4. Creation of a Committee to develop a shared definition for serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).

Chair Tanner welcomed everyone and acknowledged new members, Alexia Jones *Child Advocate*, Nathan Call, Ph.D., *Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*, and Sharonda Reynolds-Cobb, *Interim Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice*.

Melissa Sperbeck, *Director of DBHDD's Division of Strategy, Technology, and Performance* presented and overview of the proposal for Interagency Director's Team (IDT) Project, it's mission and social aims.

Danté McKay, *Director of DBHDD's Office of Children, Young Adults & Families* presented on behalf of Renee Johnson, *Executive Director, IDT Center of Excellence for Children's Behavioral Health*. He provided updates on the Interagency Director's Team Work Force Development and the MATCHCommittee.

Caylee Noggle, *Commissioner of the Department of Community Health* gave a brief update on Managed Care.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.