



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY**

November 17, 2021

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted via Webex audio access only. There was no in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Quorum Not Met

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was held by Webex and the following council members participated. Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD), Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13), Stanley Jones, Esq., (Family Representative), Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO), Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS), Superintendent Richard Woods DOE, Representative), Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)

Absent:

Commissioner Candice Broce (DHS), Commissioner Caylee Noggle (DCH), Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL), Commissioner Katheen Toomey, M.D. (DPS), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA), Commissioner Timothy Ward (GDC), Diane Reeder (Parent), Julie Spores (Adult Consumer Representative) Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (DJJ),

DBHDD's Leadership:

Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner, Brenda Woodard, General Counsel and David Sofferin, Director Office of Public Affairs

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald welcomed everyone and introduced Toyia Mather, Outreach Coordinator with the RESPECT Institute of Georgia. Ms. Mather introduced Ms. Kathy Nora, a recent RESPECT Institute graduate who shared her story of recovery.

Action items were tabled for the next meeting, February 2022

The BHCC initiative updates were given on the Interagency Directors Team "*Georgia System of Care*" (Renee Johnson, GSU) and the *Transition Re-entry Committee* (Terri Timberlake, DBHDD). The Chair's report consisted of COVID-19 ARPA Behavioral Health Funding Distribution (Jill Mays, Cassandra Price, Terri Timberlake, Dante McKay and Maxwell Ruppensburg, DBHDD).

There was no further business.

The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.