



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

November 18, 2020

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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

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), Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH), Stanley Jones, Esq., (Family Representative), Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO), Commissioner Timothy Ward (GDC), Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP), (DOE) Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (DJJ), Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)

Absent:

Senator Renee Unterman (District 45), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA), Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL), Diane Reeder (Parent Representative), Commissioner Robyn Crittenden (DHS), Julie Spores (Adult Consumer Representative) Superintendent Richard Woods

DBHDD's Leadership:

Brenda Woodard, general counsel and David Sofferin, director Office of Public Affairs

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald welcomed everyone. Guest speaker Curtis Hall, a RESPECT Institute graduate shared his powerful story of lived experiences, steps toward recovery and the desire to help others in need.

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

1. The BHCC August 12, 2020 meeting minutes.
2. BHCC 2021 meeting dates
3. FY21-FY23 Georgia's System of Care State Plan

The two standard 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 included *COVID-19 (Customized co-existence)* (Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald), *COVID-19 SAMSHA Recovery Response Grant* (Jeanette David, DBHDD) and *Georgia Public Safety Training Center* (Jill Mays, DBHDD).

There was no further business.

The November 18, 2020 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.