



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Hybrid Meeting)

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512

Atlanta, GA 30334

Chairman Kevin Tanner called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The hybrid meeting was held at 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512 Atlanta, GA 30334 and online via Webex; the following BHCC members participated:

Council members attended in person: Commissioner Kevin Tanner (*DBHDD*), Alexia Jones (*Adult Consumer*), Brian Pettersson, Esq. on behalf of Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Sherri Bloodworth on behalf of Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Shelly-Ann Simpson on behalf of Commissioner Patricia Ross, Ed.D. (*GDVS*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*)

Council members attended via WebEx: Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Laura Holland on behalf of Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODOS*), Shaun Owen on behalf of State School Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*), Nathan Call, Ph.D. (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Assistant Commissioner Latera Davis on behalf of Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*)

Council members absent: Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Commissioner Dean Burke (*DCH*), Director Jerry Bruce (*OCA*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Commissioner Barbara Rivera Holmes (*DOL*), Joyette Holmes on behalf of Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*), Veda Johnson (*Pediatrician*)

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance: Brandon Kenney, *Assistant Commissioner of Operations*, Monica Patel, Esq., *Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs and Chief Legal Officer*, Allen Morgan, *Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations North*, Jenniffer Dunn, *Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations, South*, Brenda Cibulas, *Director of the Division of Behavioral Health*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*

Chairman Kevin Tanner invited Alexia Jones to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Ms. Jones introduced the speaker, and she shared her story through a song and a back story of her recovery journey.

There were 4 action items on the agenda that were approved unanimously:

1. August 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule
3. BHCC 2024 Annual Report
4. BHCC Bylaws

Commissioner Tanner appointed Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Commissioner Patricia Ross, and Alexia Jones to the nominating committee.

LaKeidra Mitchell, Senior Research Associate for Georgia State University Georgia Health Policy Center presented an update on Mindworks Georgia.



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Danielle Fish, MATCH Clinical Specialist with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, presented an update on MATCH.

Dana Carroll, Deputy General Counsel for the Division of Family & Children Services and Allen Morgan, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations North with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, presented an Interagency Collaboration: Planning for Young Adults with Complex Needs.

Commissioner Tanner thanked everyone for presenting to the council and adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.