



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 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*), Brian Pettersson, Esq. (*DHS*), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Commissioner Russell Carlson (*DCH*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Nathan Call (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Shelly-Ann Simpson (*GDVS*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*)

Council members attended via WebEx: Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Alexia Jones (*Adult Consumer*), Director Jerry Bruce (*OCA*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*), Shaun Owen (*DOE*). Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Veda Johnson (*Pediatrician*)

Council members absent: Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODOS*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*), Joyette Holmes (*PAP*), Sherri Bloodworth (*DCS*)

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance: Brandon Kenney, *Assistant Commissioner of Operations*, Allen Morgan, *Deputy Assistant Commissioner*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*

Chairman Kevin Tanner asked Robin McCown, Executive Director for Georgia Professional Health Programs, Inc. to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Robin McCown introduced herself and the recovery speaker shared his story with the council members.

There were 2 action items on the agenda that were approved unanimously:

1. August 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. BHCC 2025 Meeting Schedule

Renee Johnson, Director of Georgia State University Georgia Health Policy Center presented an update on the Mindworks Georgia.

Heather Stanley, MATCH Program Director of the Office of Children, Young Adults and Families with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities presented an update on MATCH.

Julie Oliver, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Forensic Services with DBHDD presented on Forensic Initiatives.

Lisa Mantz, Deputy Commissioner and Kimbolic Hamilton, Deputy Director for the Office of Behavioral Health with the Department of Juvenile Justice presented on DJJ Behavioral Health and Substance Use Updates.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.