



## Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Summary

**Thursday, November 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**(Hybrid Meeting)**  
**200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E.**  
**West Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room 512**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Chairman Kevin Tanner called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The hybrid meeting was held online and at 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room 512 Atlanta, GA 30334; the following BHCC members participated:

***Council members attended in person:*** Commissioner Kevin Tanner (*DBHDD*), Alexia Jones (*Child Advocate*), Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Commissioner Russel Carlson (*DCH*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Nathan Call (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Veda Johnson (*Director*)

***Council members attended via WebEx:*** Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODSO*), Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*)

***Council members absent:*** Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*), Julie Spores (*Adult Consumer Representative*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*)

**DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance:**

Ashley Fielding, *Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs*, Brandon Kenney, *Assistant Commissioner of Operations*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*

Chairman Kevin Tanner called Rachael Holloman, Interim Director of Suicide Prevention and Federal Grants, to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Rachael Holloman introduced Taylor Peyton to the podium, and she shared her recovery journey with the council members.

There were four action items on the agenda that were approved:

1. August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. BHCC 2023 Fiscal Year Annual Report
3. BHCC 2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule
4. Definition Committee Report

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

Candice Broce, Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, and her team presented an update on Hard to Place High Risk Youth.

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.