



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, February 11, 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 2:00 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*), Commissioner Candice Broce and Brian Pettersson, Esq. (*DHS*), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Alexia Jones (*Adult Consumer*), Nathan Call, Ph.D. (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Patricia Ross, Ed.D. (*GDVS*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*)

Council members attended via WebEx: Michael Smith (*DCH*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Director Jerry Bruce (*OCA*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Sherri Bloodworth (*DCS*), Veda Johnson (*Pediatrician*), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODOS*), Shaun Owen (*DOE*), Joyette Holmes (*PAP*), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*)

Council members absent: Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*)

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance: Monica Patel, Esq., *Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs and Chief Legal Officer*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*

Chairman Kevin Tanner asked Jan Banathy from the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network to approach the podium to share her recovery story with the council members. Jan Banathy mentioned to the council members that Toyia Adams was out sick and could not attend the meeting, however, she is happy to share her story.

There were 1 action items on the agenda that was approved unanimously:

1. November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Patricia Ross, Ed.D., Commissioner for the Department of Veterans Service presented on Veterans Service Mental and Behavioral Health.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.