



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 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 2:02 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 Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Alexia Jones (*Adult Consumer*), Brian Pettersson, Esq. on behalf of Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Laura Holland on behalf of Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Sherri Bloodworth on behalf of Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Nathan Call, Ph.D., BCBA-D (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Commissioner Patricia Ross, Ed.D. (*GDVS*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Robert Markley on behalf of Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*)

Council members attended via Webex: Commissioner Kathleen Toomey, M.D., M.P.H. (*DPH*), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODOS*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Shaun Owen on behalf of State School Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*), Veda Johnson, M.D., FAAP (*Pediatrician*)

Council members absent: Commissioner Dean Burke, M.D. (*DCH*), Director Jerry Bruce, Esq. (*OCA*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Commissioner Barbara Rivera Holmes (*DOL*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*)

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance: Brandon Kenney, *Assistant Commissioner of Operations*, Ron Wakefield, *Director of the Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities*, 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 he shared his recovery journey with the council members.

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

1. November 20, 2025 - Meeting Minutes
2. Nominating Committee Appointments
Commissioner Christopher Nunn elected to serve as Vice-Chairman and Stanley Jones elected to serve as Secretary.

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

Elizabeth Appley, Chair of the Supported Housing Advisory Committee for Residential Experiences, presented an update on Supportive Housing Advisory (SHARE) Committee Resource and Policy Recommendations for 2025.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.