



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, February 6th, 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*), Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Alexia Jones (*Adult Consumer*), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Commissioner Russel Carlson (*DCH*), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Nathan Call (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Veda Johnson (*Director*)

Council members attended via WebEx: Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODOS*), Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*)

Council members absent: Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*), Director Jerry Bruce (*OCA*)

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance:

Monica Patel, Esq., *Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs and Chief Legal Officer*, Brandon Kenney, *Assistant Commissioner of Operations*, and Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*

Chairman Kevin Tanner asked Toyia Mather, Outreach Coordinator for the Respect Institute of Georgia, to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Ms. Mather introduced herself and asked Mr. Blayne Hiner to share his recovery journey with the council members.

There was an action item on the agenda that was approved unanimously:

1. November 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.