



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Summary

Thursday, May 11, 2023
18 Capitol Square, SW
Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB) Room 606
Atlanta, GA 30334
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Kevin Tanner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

The hybrid meeting was held online and at 18 Capitol Square, SW Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB) Room 606 Atlanta, GA 30334; the following BHCC members participated.

Council members attended in person: Commissioner Kevin Tanner (*DBHDD*), Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*); *Alexia Jones (Child Advocate)*, Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Representative Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Nathan Call (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Commissioner Sharonda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Veda Johnson (*Director*)

Council members attended via Teams: Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODSO*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*), Commissioner Timothy Ward (*GDC*),

Council members absent: Commissioner Caylee Noggle (*DCH*), Julie Spores (*Adult Consumer Representative*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*), Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*)

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance:

Ashley Fielding, *Assistant Commissioner*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel Services*, Michael Polacek, *Director Office of Legislative Affairs*

Chairman Kevin Tanner called Jessica Smith, *Outreach Coordinator* with the RESPECT Institute of Georgia to introduce the guest speaker. Ms. Smith introduced guest speaker, Mike Keesling, who shared his story of hope, recovery, and independent living.

There was one action item on the agenda that was unanimously approved.

1. BHCC March 7th, 2023, meeting minutes.

Chairman Kevin Tanner welcomed everyone and congratulated Sharonda Reynolds-Cobb on being appointed by the Governor, to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice and a member on the council.

Renee Johnson, *Director of Georgia State University Georgia Health Policy Center* presented an overview of the proposal for Interagency Director's Team (IDT) Project, its mission and social aims.

Barbara Cleveland, *Chairwoman of the MATCH Committee* presented an overview of MATCH and gave updates on the Match Committee.

Carol Caraballo, Director of Adult Mental Health introduced Ladji Ruffin, Forensic Peer Mentor Trainer, to provide an overview of the Forensic Peer Mentor Program.

Sarepta Archila, Director of CCBHC State Project and Michael Smith, Director of Behavioral Health Medical Assistance presented an CCBHC Overview.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.