



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

**May 13, 2020  
10:00 -11:30 A.M.**

**WebEx Teleconference  
Atlanta, GA 30303**

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Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD) called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

The meeting was held by WebEx Teleconference and the following council members participated.

### **WebEx -Tele-Conferencing**

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD), Family Representative, Stanley Jones, Esq., Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO), Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS) Commissioner Robyn Crittenden (DHS), Commissioner Timothy Ward (GDC), Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP), Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE), Parent Representative Diane Reeder, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (DJJ)

### **Absent:**

Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13), Senator Renee Unterman (District 45), Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA), Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL), Adult Consumer Representative Julie Spores

### **DBHDD Leadership:**

Brenda Woodard, General Counsel, David Sofferin, Director, Office of Public Affairs

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald welcomed council members and expressed her appreciation to everyone for their participation via WebEx or by telephone. Guest speaker Erin Thomas, a RESPECT Institute graduate shared her lived experiences and challenges she faced toward her road to recovery.

There were two action items on the agenda that were unanimously approved.

1. The BHCC November 13, 2019 meeting minutes
2. The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council 2019 Annual Report

The BHCC initiative updates were given on the Interagency Directors Team “Georgia System of Care” (Dante McKay, DBHDD) and the Transition Re-entry Committee (Terri Timberlake, DBHDD).

The Commissioner’s report consisted of DBHDD’s continued work thru the COVID- 19 epidemic. Presentations included Legislative updates (Doug Reineke), Hospitals Activities (Emile, Risby, M.D.) Behavioral Health Network (Monica Johnson) and Crisis updates (Debbie Atkins).

There was no further business.

The May 13, 2020 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.