



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

Thursday, May 14, 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

Vice-Chairman Christopher Nunn called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the members that Chairman Tanner was attending his daughter's graduation; therefore, he would chair the meeting in his absence. 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: Laura Lucas on behalf of Commissioner Amy Jacobs (*DECAL*), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Commissioner Patricia Ross, Ed.D. (*GDVS*)

Council members attended via WebEx: Alexia Jones (*Adult Consumer*), Brian Pettersson, Esq. on behalf of Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Commissioner Dean Burke (*DCH*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODOS*), Director Jerry Bruce (*OCA*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Sherri Bloodworth on behalf of Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Shaun Owen on behalf of State School Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*), Robert Markley on behalf of Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Assistant Commissioner Latera Davis on behalf of Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*)

Council members absent: Commissioner Kevin Tanner (*DBHDD*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Commissioner Barbara Rivera Holmes (*DOL*), Nathan Call, Ph.D. (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Veda Johnson (*Pediatrician*)

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance: Brandon Kenney, *Assistant Commissioner of Operations*, Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel*

Vice-Chairman Christopher Nunn invited Mrs. Toyia Mather-Adams to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Mrs. Mather-Adams introduced the speaker, who shared her recovery journey with the Council members. She spoke about resilience, overcoming self-harm and ultimately finding a sense of belonging after connecting with a supportive community.

There was 1 action item on the agenda, which was approved unanimously:

1. February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Twanna Nelson, Deputy Director of Mindworks Georgia at the Georgia Health Policy Center, Georgia State University, presented an update on Mindworks Georgia.

Vice-Chairman Christopher Nunn thanked Mrs. Nelson for her presentation and thanked the Council members for their attendance. He mentioned that although there was only one presentation, the meeting was still productive and because there was no further business for the day, Vice-Chairman Nunn adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.