



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

August 15, 2018

10:00 a.m.

2 Peachtree St, NW
24th Floor Board Room
Atlanta, GA 30303

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald, BHCC Chair (DBHDD) called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Meeting Called By: Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)

Facilitator: Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald

Members Present:

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (*DBHDD*)
Stanley Jones, Esq. (*Family Representative*)

Commissioner Frank W. Berry (*DCH*)
Senator Renee Unterman (*District 45*)

Members Tele-conferencing:

Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*)
Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*)
Chairman Terry E. Barnard (*PAP*)

Diane Reeder (*Parent Representative*)
Julie Spores Adult (*Consumer Representative*)
Commissioner Greg Dozier (*DOC*)

Members Absent:

Commissioner Avery Niles (*DJJ*)
Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*)
Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden (*DHS*)
Commissioner J. Patrick O'Neal, M.D. (*DPH*)

Commissioner Mark Butler (*DOL*)
Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*)

Others Present:

Keisha Dixon, Chief of Staff (*DPH*)
Margaret Caewood, Deputy Commissioner (*DJJ*)

Others Tele-conferencing:

Teresa Eggleston (*GVRA*)
Yosha Dotson (*MHAGEORGIA*)

DBHDD Leadership:

Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner & General Counsel

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcomed everyone and took roll of council members attending in person and by phone. Fitzgerald introduced Emily Ribblett of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse (GCSA). Ribblett shared her experiences with homelessness, mental health challenges, incarceration, and poverty as a result of her substance use disorder. She started her recovery in 2015.

One action item was unanimously approved.

1. BHCC May 16, 2018 meeting minutes

Updates were given on the Interagency Directors Team "Georgia System of Care" (Dante McKay, DBHDD); and the Transition Support and Recovery (Terri Timberlake, DBHDD). The Commissioner's report included Forensic Services. Karen Bailey, director, DBHDD Office of Forensic Services gave an extensive overview about the progress the forensic office has achieved, as well as its challenges.

There was no further business.

The August 15, 2018 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.