



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 6, 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 2:02 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*), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Commissioner Russell Carlson (*DCH*), Nathan Call (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Director Jerry Bruce (*OCA*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*)

Council members attended via WebEx: Alexia Jones (*Adult Consumer*), Sherri Bloodworth (*DCS*), Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODOS*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Commissioner Patricia Ross (*GDVS*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*)

Council members absent: Commissioner Candice Broce (*DHS*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*), Sean Owen (*DOE*), Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Joyette Holmes (*PAP*), Veda Johnson (*Director*)

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

Chairman Kevin Tanner asked Alexia Jones, Executive Director for R2ISE Recovery to the podium to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. Alexia Jones introduced herself and the recovery speaker shared her story via a spiritual dance.

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

1. May 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Layla Fitzgerald, Director of Community Programs, Office of Children, Young Adults and Families presented an update on the APEX program.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.