



Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.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 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The hybrid meeting was held online and at 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512 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 Candice Broce (*DHS*), Commissioner Russel Carlson (*DCH*), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (*DPH*), Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*), Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (*District 32*), Representative Stanley Jones, Esq., (*Family Representative*), Commissioner Sharonda Reynolds-Cobb (*DJJ*), Veda Johnson (*Director*)

Council members attended via WebEx: Commissioner Christopher Nunn (*DCA*), Commissioner Greg Dozier (*TCSG*), Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*), Nathan Call (*Expert on Child & Adolescent Health*), Chairman Terry Barnard (*PAP*), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (*GDC*)

Council members absent: Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (*ODSO*), Julie Spores (*Adult Consumer Representative*), Commissioner Bruce Thompson (*DOL*), Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*),

DBHDD Leadership staff in attendance:

Brenda Woodard, Esq., *General Counsel Services*, Michael Polacek, *Director, Office of Legislative Affairs*; Ryan King, *Director, Office of Public Affairs*

Chairman Kevin Tanner called Toyia Mather-Adams, *Outreach Coordinator* with the RESPECT Institute of Georgia to introduce the guest speaker. Ms. Smith introduced guest speaker, William Klosowski, who shared his recovery story.

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

1. BHCC May 11th, 2023, meeting minutes.

Chairman Kevin Tanner welcomed everyone and congratulated Russel Carlson on being appointed by Governor Kemp to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Community Health and as a member on the council.

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

Michael Smith, Director of Behavioral Health with department of Community Health, presented on the SPMI Definition Committee.

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

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and her team, presented the report findings their department found relating to Maternal Mortality.

Stefanie Lopez-Howard, Director of Data and Analytics with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, presented the data within her department relating to Maternal Mortality.

Deb Bailey, Former Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, Northeast Georgia Health System, gave an overview of the pilot programs that are currently in place in the Northeast Georgia Health System.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.