



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2020

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted via WebEx audio access only. There will be no in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was held by WebEx and the following council members participated. Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD), Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13), Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH), Stanley Jones, Esq., (Family Representative), Disabilities Services Ombudsman Jacquice Stone (ODSO), Commissioner Robyn Crittenden (DHS), Commissioner Timothy Ward (GDC), Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP), Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)

Absent:

Senator Renee Unterman (District 45), Commissioner Kathleen Toomey (DPH), Commissioner Christopher Nunn (DCA), Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL), Diane Reeder (Parent Representative), Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS), Commissioner Tyrone Oliver (DJJ) Julie Spores (Adult Consumer Representative)

DBHDD's Leadership:

Brenda Woodard, general counsel and David Sofferin, director Office of Public Affairs

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald welcomed everyone and expressed her gratitude for taking time to meet about the concerns for behavioral health issues in the State of Georgia. Guest speaker Paolo Mancini, a RESPECT Institute graduate shared his candid life story about his years of addiction, trauma and depression while moving towards a path of recovery.

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

1. The BHCC May 13, 2020 meeting minutes.

The BHCC initiative updates were given on the Interagency Directors Team "Georgia System of Care" (Renee Johnson, GSU) and the Transition Re-entry Committee (Terri Timberlake, DBHDD). The Commissioner's report consisted of DBHDD updates that included Legislative updates (Representative Katie Dempsey), DBHDDs Legislative Perspective (Doug Reineke, DBHDD) Impact of FY 20201 Budget (Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald, DBHDD) and an Overview of the Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan (Jill Mays, DBHDD).

There was no further business.

The August 12, 2020 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.