



Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
April 13, 2023
1:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted via WebEx with video connection for Board Members.

There was no public in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.

Chair David Glass called the meeting to order. Board members David Glass, Lasa Joiner, Jan Ligon, Ph.D., Deb Bailey, and Bubber Epps attended the meeting in-person. Ellice Martin, Ed.D. and Jimmy Thomas joined by Webex. Jean Sumner, M.D. joined by phone. Amanda Owens was absent from the meeting.

Chair David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Molly Tucker, MSW, of The Georgia State University Center for Leadership Disability to introduce the guest speaker Brandt White. Mr. White shared his journey of recovery and resilience.

There were two action items on the agenda which the Board approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023
2. Resolution to Re-acquire the Boland Building at Central State Hospital

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by welcoming new DBHDD Brandon Kenney, Assistant Commissioner for Operations, and Brenda Cibulas, Director, Division of Behavioral Health. Both are eager to begin working with DBHDD.

Commissioner Tanner provided an overview of new pilots starting and studies.

Michael Polacek, *director of Legislative Affairs*, presented a legislative update.

Christopher Hamilton, *chief financial officer*, gave presentation on the DBHDD Budget Update FY2024.

Cassandra Price, *director of Office of Addictive Diseases*, provided a presentation on the Shatterproof Statewide campaign.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report by giving recognition to DBHDD staff, encouraging words, and gratitude for all the hard work.

Public comment was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.