



## **Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**

Thursday, April 18, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Hybrid Meeting)

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room 512

Atlanta, GA 30334

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Chairman David Glass called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Board members David Glass, Jan Ligon, Ph.D., and Bubber Epps attended the meeting in-person. Board members Lasa Joiner, Amanda Owens, Deb Bailey, Ellice Martin, Ed.D and Jean Sumner, M.D. joined via WebEx. Board member Jimmy Thomas was absent from the meeting.

Chairman David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Alexia Jones, Executive Director for R2ISE Recovery, to introduce Mr. Joe Jackson to the podium to share his recovery story. Mr. Jackson expressed that it is an honor to be in front of the Board to share his story and explained how he expresses himself through all forms of art. He explained how R2ISE has positively impacted his life and his journey in recovery and his gratefulness and appreciation towards Ms. Alexcia Jones.

### **Action Items:**

There were 2 action items on the agenda which the Board approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024
2. Eastman RYDC Acquisition Resolution

### **Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by inviting Chief Financial Officer, Chris Hamilton to the podium to share the Governor's Budget Update.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced the Legislative Affairs Director, Michael Polacek to the podium to share the 2024 Legislative Session Update.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced the Deputy Director of the Office of Medicaid Coordination & Health System Innovation, Ashleigh Caseman to present the IDD Waiver Update. Ashleigh Caseman then introduced the Director of Crisis and Transition Services, Beth Shaw to the podium to present on the Specialized Transitional Community Residential Alternative Homes.

Commissioner Tanner gave an update on the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust and then thanked the presenters for sharing their updates and presenting to the Board.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman David Glass gave brief comments regarding the presentations from Commissioner Tanner and staff members and thanked them for presenting to the Board.

There was 1 public comment at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 P.M.