



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
December 9, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

*This meeting was conducted via WebEx with video connection for Board Members.
There was no in-person attendance at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.*

Chair David Glass called the meeting to order. Board members David Glass, Ellice Martin, Justine Welsh, Amanda Owens, Lasa Joiner, Scott Hilton, Jan Ligon and Jean Sumner joined by WebEx. Jimmy Thomas did not attend the meeting.

Chair David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Jeff Breedlove of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Brhea Wofford. Ms. Wofford shared her story of recovery.

There were six action items on the agenda that were approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2021
2. Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2021
3. Proposed 2022 DBHDD Board Meeting Dates
4. Final Adoption of Patient's Rights Rules and Regulations
5. Final Adoption of Patient Cost of Care Rules and Regulations
6. Final Adoption of Emergency Receiving, Evaluating, and Treatment Facilities Rules and Regulations

Rachael Holloman, *director of the Office of Suicide Prevention*, provided an informative presentation detailing the new suicide prevention initiatives of Georgia, adolescent statistics, activities, and resources.

Commissioner Fitzgerald provided a thorough presentation on Reflections of our Hospital Governing Body Meetings.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report informing the Board of the continuous efforts and hard work the DBHDD staff continues to provide and thankfulness to the DBHDD staff and Board for their hard work.

David Glass provided brief remarks, commended the agency for its great work, support, and continuous efforts.

No public comment was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.