



Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, December 12, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Hybrid Meeting)

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E. West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512, Atlanta, GA 30334

Vice Chair David Glass called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M. Board members Chair Lasa Joiner, Jan Ligon, Ph.D., Bubber Epps, Deb Bailey, Jimmy Thomas, Jean Sumner, M.D., and Bill Slaughter attended the meeting in-person. Board members David Glass and Amanda Owens joined the meeting via WebEx.

Vice Chair David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Emile Risby, M.D. Chief Medical Officer and Director, Division of Hospitals with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to introduce the recovery speaker for the day. The recovery speaker introduced herself and informed the Board members how her recovery journey led her to where she is today.

Action Items:

Chair Joiner presented the 3 action items on the agenda.

There were 3 action items on the agenda which the Board approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2024
2. 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule
3. Hospital Staff Recognition Resolution

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by introducing Holly Lynde, Executive Director for the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust, to present the Opioid Settlement & Grant Award Update to the Board.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Brenda Cibulas, Executive Director for the Division of Behavioral Health, who presented an update on Prevention Services to the Board.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Sheree Ralston, Community Outreach Manager to the podium to present the 2nd Annual Flame of Hope Ceremony event details to the Board.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

Chairman's Report:

Chair Lasa Joiner presented former Chair David Glass with an outstanding service award. Chair Joiner shared brief comments regarding the presentations from the DBHDD staff members and thanked them for presenting to the Board.

There were 5 public comments at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 P.M.