



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**February 9, 2023**  
**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.*

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

David Sofferin introduced guest speaker Kenneth Pinion, AUD Peer Recovery Coach of the Georgia Council for Recovery. Mr. Pinion shared his journey of recovery.

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2022
2. Request to Surplus Approximately 0.65 Acres of Parking Lot at Central State Hospital Adjacent to The Kidd Building

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by welcoming new DBHDD Board members Deb Bailey and James “Bubber” Epps, Jr. He gave accolades and well wishes to them both.

Dr. Emile Risby, M.D., *director of Division of Hospital Services*, provided a presentation on violence and on the workforce in DBHDD hospitals.

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

Christopher Hamilton, *chief financial officer*, gave presentation on AFY the 2023 and FY2024 budgets.

Ashleigh Caseman, *director of Office of Waiver Services*, provided presentation on IDD waiver rates.

Sarepta Archila, *CCBHC state project director*, gave presentation on the certified community behavioral health clinics in Georgia.

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

No public comment was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.