



Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, June 29, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E.

West Tower, 5th Floor, Board Room 512

Atlanta, GA 30334

This meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx for the public and Board Members.

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

Chairman David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Greg Gardner, Georgia Council for Recovery to introduce the guest speaker Charlie Baker. Mr. Baker shared his journey of recovery and resilience.

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023
2. Consideration of Demolition of Green, Jones, and Walker Buildings at Central State Hospital
3. Consideration of Demolition of the Wash House at Central State Hospital
4. Consideration of General Obligation Bonds

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by introducing DBHDD team members to present the following presentations:

Allen Morgan, Director of Field Operations of the Division of Developmental Disabilities presented on 2023 NASDDDS Conference – Georgia's National Contribution.

Dr. Emile Risby, M.D., DBHDD Medical Director, Director of Hospital Services presented a Forensics Update.

Carol J. Caraballo, LCSW, MPA, Director, Office of Adult Mental Health and Joyava Bell, Special Projects Coordinator, Office of Adult Mental Health presented on the CSB Co-Responder Program Budget.

Carol J. Caraballo, LCSW, MPA, Director, Office of Adult Mental Health and Ladji Ruffin, Forensic Peer Mentor Trainer/Liaison, Office of Adult Mental Health presented on Forensic Peers.

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

Chairman's Report

Chairman David Glass gave brief comments regarding the agency relocation and commended Commissioner Tanner and staff.

No public comment was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.