



Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, June 12, 2025 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

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

Chair Lasa Joiner approached the podium and read the proposed Breakthru House, Inc. Resolution to the Board members. She then asked for a motion to pass the Resolution which was passed unanimously. Chair Joiner then invited Ms. BreNita Jackson, Executive Director of Breakthru House, Inc. to the podium to accept the Resolution and take a photo with Chair Joiner and Commissioner Kevin Tanner. Ms. Jackson thanked the Board and Commissioner Tanner for the recognition and shared information about her organization and recovery stories of women they have supported at the Breakthru House. Chair Lasa Joiner thanked Ms. Jackson for sharing her story. Chair Joiner then went to the remaining agenda item.

Action Item:

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2025
2. Breakthru House Inc. Resolution

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by showing the DBHDD Recruitment Video which features West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus, Georgia. Commissioner Tanner asked Regional Hospital Administrator Marcia Capshaw and Nurse Manager Nelsonndria Brown to the podium. Commissioner Tanner announced that Nelsonndria Brown was being awarded the Triple Excellence Award. He then shared how West Central Georgia Regional Hospital also won the agency's social media challenge. He then asked Chair Joiner to randomly select the name of a West Central Georgia Regional Hospital employee for a dinner drawing. A group photo was quickly taken afterwards.

Commissioner Tanner then invited Carol McVey, Senior Director of the Office of Adult Mental Health and Joy Bell, Forensic Manager of the Office of Adult Mental Health, to the podium to present the Co-Responder presentation. Chief Bill Grogan, Chief of Police of Norcross, Georgia, joined the presentation to share the impact of the Co-Responder Model.

Commissioner Tanner then invited Monica Patel, Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs and Chief Legal Officer, to the podium to present a Legislative and Budget Update.

Commissioner Tanner then invited Taylor Peyton, Opioid Abatement Liaison for the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust, to present an update on the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust.

Commissioner Tanner shared the Board Engagement events. Before closing his report, Commissioner Tanner introduced Christy Doyle, the new Sr. Director, Office of Children, Young



Adults, and Families

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

Chairman's Report:

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked everyone for presenting and shared that she was beyond excited for the next Board meeting because this one was so exciting. She thanked the Board members for attending and thanked Breakthru House for sharing their journey with us.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 P.M.