



Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
October 14, 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, Jimmy Thomas, Justine Welsh, Amanda Owens, Lasa Joiner, and Scott Hilton joined by WebEx. Jan Ligon and Jean Sumner did not attend the meeting.

Chair David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse and recovery speaker, Candice Savannah. Ms. Savannah gave words of encouragement, her recovery story, and expressed accolades to the DBHDD agency and the DBHDD Board members for their services.

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

1. Approval of Patients' Rights Rules and Regulations
2. Patient Cost of Care
3. Emergency Receiving, Evaluating, and Treatment Facilities
4. Surplus Property Located at Central State Hospital
5. Request for Reclamation of Central State Hospital Property
6. Request to Surplus 7209 Seawright Drive Property, Chatham County

There was one action item on the agenda that stands approval to reflect expressed revisions:

1. August 26, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Jill Mays, *director of the Office of Behavioral Health Prevention and Federal Grants*, provided an informative presentation on the Division of Behavioral Health updates followed by Commissioner Fitzgerald's encouraging words and support.

Madhu Gundlapalli, M.D., *deputy medical director of the Division of Hospital Services*, provided a thorough hospital update on COVID-19 coexistence in the DBHDD hospitals.

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

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.