



Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Summary
October 13, 2022
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, Ed.D., Lasa Joiner, and Jan Ligon, Ph.D. attended the meeting in-person. Justine Welsh, M.D., Scott Hilton, and Jean Sumner, M.D. joined by Webex. Jimmy Thomas and Amanda Owens did not attend the meeting.

Chair David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Jeff Breedlove of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse to introduce the guest speaker Greg Gardner. Mr. Gardner shared his journey of recovery.

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2022
2. Special Item - Recognition of Retiring Board Member Justine Welsh, M.D. who is leaving the board effective October 13, 2022.

Commissioner Fitzgerald opened her report by announcing her retirement from the DBHDD agency. She gave well wishes to the Board and her team as she prepares for the transition.

Dr. Emile Risby, M.D., director of Division of Hospital and Forensic Services, provided a presentation on the status of the hospitals.

Rachael Holloman, director of Suicide Prevention, gave presentation on recap of the 2022 Teen summit.

Commissioner Fitzgerald closed her report with additional agency updates regarding IDD provider rate increase and the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic.

No public comment was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.