



Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, October 12, 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 at 1:06 P.M. Board members David Glass, Lasa Joiner, and Jan Ligon, Ph.D. attended the meeting in-person. Board members Bubber Epps, Jimmy Thomas, and Jean Sumner, M.D. joined via WebEx. Ellice Martin, Ed.D., Amanda Owens, and Deb Bailey were absent from the meeting.

Chairman David Glass opened the meeting by recognizing Rachael Holloman, Interim Director of Suicide Prevention and Federal Grants to introduce the guest speaker Taylor Peyton. Ms. Peyton shared her recovery journey with the Board and expressed to them how grateful she is to be working with the Department.

Action Items:

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2023
2. Consideration of the State Property Short-Term Lease

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by inviting Assistant Commissioner of Operations, Brandon Kenney to the podium to introduce Chief Financial Officer, Chris Hamilton to share the budget updates regarding hospital staffing and Human Resources Director Clifton Mitchell to further discuss recruitment efforts on behalf of the Department.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Forensic Services Director, Julie Oliver to present a forensic update on behalf of the Department.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Community Outreach Manager, Jeff Breedlove to inform the Board about the mobilize recovery across Georgia bus tour; and further explained how the tour affected thousands of people in recovery across the state.

Commissioner Tanner introduced the Interim Director of Suicide Prevention and Federal Grants, Rachael Holloman to present to the Board to share the outcome of the Hope Changes Everything Teen Summit 2023. The Summit was held to inform teens about suicide prevention and learn to lean on others within the community if they are in crisis.

Commissioner Tanner then introduced Director of Talent Acquisition, Development and Learning, Theodore Carter, Jr. to present to the Board the success of the Behavioral Health and Law Conference. The conference was held to bring dedicated law enforcement leaders and behavioral health practitioners together to learn from each other to make a positive impact on the community.

Commissioner Tanner then presented to the Board information regarding the groundbreaking of the 1st Crisis Stabilization Diagnostic Center in Macon, GA. He further explained services the Crisis Stabilization Diagnostic Center will provide to those in the surrounding area.



Commissioner Tanner thanked staff members for presenting to the Board and recognized Taylor Peyton for sharing such a powerful story. He recognized Rachael Holloman and presented her with an employee Triple E Award.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman David Glass gave brief comments regarding the presentations from Commissioner Tanner and staff members and thanked them for presenting to the Board.

Public comment was given by one meeting attendee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 P.M.