



Board of Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Thursday, October 23, 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 1:02 P.M. Board members Lasa Joiner, Deb Bailey, and David Glass attended the meeting in-person. Board members Bill Slaughter and Jan Ligon, Ph.D. joined the meeting via WebEx. Board member Jimmy Thomas, Amanda Owens, Jean Sumner, M.D., and Bubber Epps were absent from the meeting.

Chair Lasa Joiner invited Gene Conroy, Assistant Executive Director of Operations for Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, to the podium to introduce the guest speaker for the day. Mr. Conroy introduced Jasmine Turner, and she shared her story with the Board. Ms. Turner spoke about how her recovery journey led her to her current job, which was also a segway to her being the Recovery Bus Tour Manager.

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked Ms. Jasmine Turner for sharing her story and turned the Board's attention to the action items on the agenda.

Action Item:

There were 3 action items on the agenda which the Board approved:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2025
2. Consideration of Easement Amendment for Southern Natural Gas
3. Northeast Georgia Medical Center Resolution

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Tanner opened his report by inviting Rachael Holloman, Senior Director for the Office of Federal Grant Programs and Suicide Prevention, to the podium to present a Suicide Prevention Update.

Commissioner Tanner then invited Cassandra Price, Senior Director of the Office of Addictive Diseases, to the podium to present the Key Initiatives in Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery.

Commissioner Tanner then invited Elizabeth Holcomb, Executive Director of Government Affairs for Northeast Georgia Health System, to the podium to present an Overview of Northeast Georgia Health Systems.

Commissioner Tanner presented the Board Engagement.

Commissioner Tanner closed his report.

Chairman's Report:

Chair Lasa Joiner thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting and spoke highly of the work being done at the Department and its positive impact on the community. She noted that the programs offered at the Northeast Georgia Health Center are successful because of the Department's efforts, and she encouraged everyone to continue their great work.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 P.M.