



**Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Meeting
Summary
April 20, 2017
1:00 p.m.
2 Peachtree Street, 24th Floor Boardroom Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Chair Kim Ryan called the meeting to order. Board members Ellice Martin, Jan Ligon, and David Glass attended the meeting in person. Board member Kenneth Holton joined via teleconference.

Chair Ryan opened the meeting by recognizing Neil Campbell, Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, to introduce Laurisa Barthen, who is in long-term recovery and currently works for the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. Barthen shared how she is using her recovery experience to help others.

One action item was approved:

- The February 15 Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fitzgerald introduced new staff members to the Board. The Commissioner's report included the following presentations from DBHDD team members:

- Legislative Update: Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner and General Counsel
- Comprehensive Support Waiver Renewal: Ron Wakefield, Director of Developmental Disabilities, and Catherine Ivy, Director of Community Services for the Division of Developmental Disabilities
- Amended FY 2017 and FY 2018 Budget Updates: Jeff Minor, Deputy Commissioner
- Stabilizing the Safety Net: Commissioner Fitzgerald and Melissa Sperbeck, Director of Performance Management and Quality Improvement

Chair Ryan did not give a formal report.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned.