



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING SUMMARY

August 16, 2017

10:00 a.m.

2 Peachtree Street, NW, 24th Floor Board Room
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald called the August 16, 2017 Behavioral Health Coordination Council meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present:

Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (*DBHDD*)
Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden (*DHS*)
Commissioner Michael Nail (*DCS*)
Chairman James W. Mills (*PAP*)
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (*ODSO*)

Commissioner Frank W. Berry (*DCH*)
Commissioner Greg Dozier (*DOC*)
Commissioner J. Patrick O'Neal, M.D. (*DPH*)
Senator Renee Unterman (*District 45*)

Members Tele-Conferencing:

Representative Katie Dempsey (*District 13*)

Diane Reeder (*Parent Representative*)

Members Absent:

Commissioner Avery Niles (*DJJ*)
Stanley Jones, Esq. (*Family Representative*)
Julie Spores Adult (*Consumer Representative*)

Commissioner Camila Knowles (*DCA*)
Superintendent Richard Woods (*DOE*)
Commissioner Mark Butler (*DOL*)

DBHDD Leadership:

Lavin Gartland Briggs, Director of Special Projects Amy Howell, Assistant Commissioner & General Counsel

The meeting began with Commissioner Fitzgerald welcoming new council members Commissioner J. Patrick O'Neal, M.D., Department of Public Health, and Chairman James Wills, Department of Pardons & Parole.

Lindsey Seizmore, outreach coordinator for the RESPECT Institute, introduced Jeffrey Alberts. He shared his life lived experiences and his struggles with substance abuse. Alberts is a proud graduate of the RESPECT Institute.

Included on the agenda was an overview of the BHCC Initiatives. Linda McCall, DCH program director gave an overview of the Interagency Directors Team's (IDT) System of Care State Plan and the continued work of the team; Terri Timberlake, director of DBHDD's Office of Adult Mental Health, shared the accomplishments of the Transition Support and Re-entry Workgroup. Commissioner Fitzgerald's report included updates on the Commission on Children's Mental Health and the House Rural Development Council, and also a presentation on hospital-to-community transitions by Charles Li, M.D., administrator of Georgia Regional Hospital-Atlanta.

The following two action items were approved.

1. *Approval of May 17, 2017 meeting minutes*
2. *Approval of Interagency Directors Team System of Care State Plan*

There was no further business.

The August 16, 2017 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.