



**Behavioral Health Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 23, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 24-260**

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**A QUORUM WAS NOT MET.**

- Meeting Called By:** Commissioner Clyde Reese (DCH); 10:06 a.m.
- Facilitator:** Commissioner Clyde Reese, BHCC Vice Chair
- Members Present:** Commissioner Clyde Reese (DCH)  
Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)  
Commissioner Homer Bryson (DOC)  
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald, MD (DPH)  
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (ODSO)  
Diane Reeder (Parent Representative)
- Tele-Conferencing:** Stanley Jones, Esq. (Family Representative)  
Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)
- Members Absent:** Senator Renee Unterman (District 45)  
Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)  
Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD)  
Commissioner Camila Knowles (DCA)  
Commissioner Robin Crittenden (DHS)  
Commissioner Avery Niles (DJJ)  
Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)  
Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL)  
Julie Spores Adult (Consumer Representative)
- DBHDD Leadership:** Amy Howell, General Counsel  
Andrew Johnson, Director Public Affairs

**Agenda**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Reese called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

## Recovery Presentation

Reese introduced guest speaker Jenny Millkey, who shared her story of lived experiences. She credits her recovery to the treatment she received at Skyland Trail.

## Action Items

Action items were tabled until the next meeting:

- Approval of the December 16, 2015, meeting minutes
- Approval of the 2015 BHCC Annual Report

## BHCC Initiatives

Reese introduced Lisa Dawson, Director of the DPH's Injury Prevention Program. Dawson gave an overview of the Prescription Drug Misuse and Overdose Project.

Cassandra Price, Director of DBHDD's Office of Addictive Diseases, presented on Medication Assisted Treatment.

*Both presentations are available at <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/2016-bhcc-meeting-calendar>.*

### Interagency Directors Team (IDT)

Dr. Christine Doyle, DJJ's Director of Behavioral Health and Chair of the Interagency Directors Team, gave an update on the team's 2016 initiatives.

### Transition Support and Re-Entry Workgroup

Dr. Terri Timberlake, Director of DBHDD's Office of Adult Mental Health, provided an update on the Forensic Peer Mentor Project.

## Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Reese introduced Stuart Wilkinson, DBHDD's Legislative Liaison, who gave an update on the following bills:

**HB 900** gives pharmacists the ability to delegate the retrieval and review of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program information to technicians "for the purposes of determining misuse, abuse, or underutilization of prescribed medication."

**SB 271** is DBHDD agency legislation and makes changes to specific administrative procedures in designated emergency receiving facilities and psychiatric hospitals.

**SB 319** adds "diagnose" to the scope of practice for licensed professional counselors, with some language about limits and continuing education.

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Frank W. Berry, Commissioner*

**SB 402** puts a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to narcotic treatment programs.

### Adjournment

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

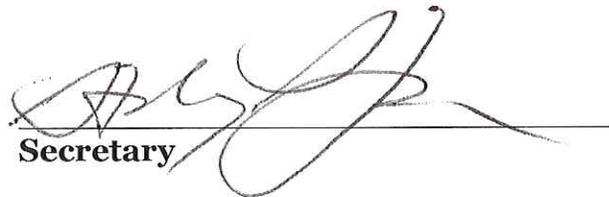
**Respectfully submitted by:**

Tracy Gamble, Council and Executive Committee Liaison

**Signatures:**



Chair



Secretary