



**Behavioral Health Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**June 22, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Board Room 24.260**

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**Meeting Called by:** Commissioner Frank Berry (DBHDD); 10:00 a.m.

**Facilitator:** Commissioner Frank Berry

**Members Present:** Commissioner Homer Bryson (DOC)  
Commissioner Michael Nail (DCS)  
Disability Services Ombudsman Lavinia Luca (ODSO)  
Diane Reeder, Parent Representative  
Representative Katie Dempsey (District 13)  
Stanley Jones, Esq. (Family Representative)

**Tele-Conferencing:** Chairman Terry Barnard (PAP)  
Commissioner Clyde Reese (DCH)  
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald, M.D. (DPH)  
Commissioner Robin Crittenden (DHS)  
Senator Renee Unterman (District 45)  
Julie Spores Adult (Consumer Representative)

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Avery Niles (DJJ)  
Commissioner Camila Knowles (DCA)  
Commissioner Mark Butler (DOL)  
Superintendent Richard Woods (DOE)

**DBHDD Leadership:** Amy Howell, General Counsel  
Jeff Minor, Chief Operating Officer  
Lavin Gartland Briggs, Assistant Commissioner  
Andrew Johnson, Director, Office of Public Affairs

**Agenda**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Berry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## **Recovery Presentation**

Guest speaker Tariq Rashid is a recent graduate of the RESPECT Institute. Rashid was raised in a Christian home but started selling drugs and was eventually sent to prison. In 2012, he became a **Georgia Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist** and now is working as a forensic peer specialist. He credits the programs for his recovery process and thanked the council for the opportunity to share his story.

## **Action Items**

### *Approval of March 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes*

Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve the March 23, 2016 BHCC meeting minutes. Commissioner Michael Nail made the motion to approve, and Ombudsman Lavi Luca seconded. The March 23, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

### *Approval of December 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes*

Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve the December 16, 2015 BHCC meeting minutes. Commissioner Homer Bryson made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Michael Nail seconded. The December 16, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

### *Approval of the 2015 BHCC Annual Report*

Commissioner Berry requested a motion to approve the proposed 2015 BHCC Annual Report. Representative Katie Dempsey made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Homer Bryson seconded. The 2015 BHCC Annual Report was unanimously approved.

## **BHCC Initiatives**

Berry introduced Dr. Christine Doyle, DJJ director of behavioral health and chair of the Interagency Directors Team.

### *Interagency Directors Team (IDT)*

Doyle gave the year-end summary the team's activities and accomplishments.

- Developed a school-based mental health environmental scan.
- Developed a young adult resource guide that is available on the IDT website (<http://gacoeonline.gsu.edu/idt/>).
- Developing a guideline that any agency can incorporate into a more robust youth or consumer voice to use for the development of their program.
- CHINS: Conducted a survey of middle and high school educators. In response to the survey, a resource document is being developed and will be distributed broadly.
- Continued work on ADHD, which began as a Georgia-specific project and was taken by IDT and CDC members to a national scale.
- Surveying providers about behavioral interventions.
- Training coordination: The team will meet to determine where mutual trainings can occur to maximize training dollars and resources across grants.

- The Children's System of Care state plan is laying the ground work for next year's plan. Commissioner Berry attended the last meeting and challenged IDT to be creative and thoughtful, and to carefully consider what a real comprehensive of continuum of services for Georgia's children would look like. A strategic planning meeting is scheduled with the experts from the University of Maryland technical support center July 11-12.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> annual System of Care Academy will take place July 26-28 at the Evergreen Lodge in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The conference is organized by DBHDD and supported by the IDT. Doyle extended an invitation to the council to attend.

Doyle announced that her term as chair of the IDT will expire at the end of the month. Linda McCall, of the Department of Community Health, will serve as chair for fiscal year 2017.

#### *Transition Support and Re-Entry Workgroup*

Dr. Terri Timberlake, director of DBHDD's Office of Adult Mental Health, gave an overview of the Forensic Peer Mentor program, a partnership between DBHDD, the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, the Georgia Department of Corrections, and the Georgia Department of Community Supervision.

Timberlake said the partnership is working, as exhibited by data and success stories. View the Forensic Peer Mentor Collaboration [presentation](#).

The first Respect and Recovery Race 5K Walk/Race will be held on October 14, 2016. It is an inter-agency partnership to end stigma, promote mental health, and highlight Georgia's successful re-entry programs and resources.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Berry recognized Representative Katie Dempsey to share information about the Georgia Children's Health Initiative, of which she serves as chair.

Berry provided an update on the following:

- DOJ Settlement: DBHDD signed an extension agreement with DOJ on May 18, 2016. The extension agreement will be effective until June 30, 2018.
- DBHDD's new Office of Health and Wellness was created to ensure that providers have access to technical assistance as it relates to serving Georgia's most medically fragile individuals that are transitioning out of state hospitals.

### **Adjournment**

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Tracy Gamble, Council and Executive Committee Liaison

**Signatures:**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**