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27th Rosalynn Carter Georgia Mental Health Forum Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration/Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome**

Eve Byrd, DNP, MPH, *Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center*

Kashef Ijaz, MD, MPH, *Vice President, Health Programs, The Carter Center*

Paige Alexander, *Chief Executive Officer, The Carter Center*

9:15 – 9:45a.m. **Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Current Priorities**

Commissioner Kevin Tanner, *DBHDD*

9:45- 9:55a.m. **Recovery is Real**

Pam Brooks-Crump, MBA, CPS-MH, WHWC, CPS-AD, *Trauma-Informed Care Project Coordinator and Facilitator, Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network*

Break

10:05–11:25a.m.

Decriminalization of Persons with Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders: An Atlanta Case Study

Roberta Meyers Douglas, *Vice President of State Strategy & Reentry Legal Action Center*

Moki Macias, *Executive Director, Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative*

Drew Umberger, *Care Navigator, Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative*

Lindsey Sizemore, *Ready4Reentry FPM Training Project Director, Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network*

Prenzinna Spann, *Deputy Chief, Atlanta Police Department*

11:25– 12:00p.m.

Our Vision: Primary Prevention for All in Georgia

Eve Byrd, DNP, MPH, *Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center*

Jennifer Reed, MS, LPC, *Senior Director of School and District Programs, JED foundation*

Kaitlin Merchen, MSW, *Executive Director, Georgia Prevention Project*

12:00– 12:45p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

12:45– 1:55p.m.

School- Based Behavioral Health as Common as School Lunch: Georgia SBBH Collaborative

Terah Kalk, MPH, *Senior Program Associate, Public Policy, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center*

Dimple Desai, MSW, *Senior Policy Analyst II, Voices for Georgia's Children*

Michael Waller, JD, MTS, MS, *Executive Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law & Justice*

Alyssa Reynolds, CPS-MH, WHWC, *Empowerment and Resource Coordinator, Chris 180*

Break

2:05- 3:20p.m.

Implementing Mental Health Parity for Equitable Care

Laura Colbert, MPH, CHES, *Executive Director, Georgians for a Healthy Future*

Sarah Phillips, MPA, *Public Policy Associate, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center*

Wendy White Tiegreen, MSW, *Director of Medicaid and Health System Innovation, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities*

Garry McGiboney, PhD, *Executive Director of Government and Education Programs, Sharecare*

Gregg Kennard, *GA House Representative, District 101*

3:20- 4:20p.m.

Decade for Behavioral Health- 2024 Policy Priorities

Rose Scott, *Host and Reporter, WABE*

Kim H. Jones, *Executive Director, NAMI Georgia*

Polly L. McKinney, BA, *Advocacy Director, Voices for Georgia's Children*

Jeff Breedlove, *Chief of Communications and Policy, Georgia Council for Recovery*

Melissa Kazakides, CPS-MH, WHWC, *Advocacy Engagement Coordinator, Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network*

Eve Byrd, DNP, MPH, *Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center*

4:20 – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Eve Byrd, DNP, MPH, *Director, Mental Health Program, The Carter Center*