THE TWENTY-FIFTH ROSALYNN CARTER GEORGIA MENTAL HEALTH FORUM VIRTUAL EVENT

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
1:00 – 3:30 P.M.

1:00 – 1:05 p.m. WELCOME
Jason Carter, J.D., Chair, Board of Trustees, The Carter Center

1:05 – 1:15 p.m. OPENING REMARKS
Diane Waugh, RESPECT Institute

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Panel: A Unified Vision for Transforming Mental Health and Substance Use Care
(https://wellbeingtrust.org/news/unifiedvision/)

CEOs of 14 of the nation’s leading mental health advocacy organizations and professional associations recently came together to create a unified vision to transform systems and chart a new course for mental health care that’s more integrated, accessible, and equitable. Discuss how we can join together to bring about comprehensive change to promote well-being and improve care for everyone.

Videos:
Tyler Norris, M.Div., Chief Executive, Well Being Trust
Arthur Evans, Jr., Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, American Psychological Association

Georgia Respondents:
Moderator: Eve Byrd, D.N.P., M.P.H., Director, The Carter Center Mental Health Program
Abdul Henderson, Executive Director, Mental Health America of Georgia
Kim Jones, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Georgia
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Conversation: Mental Health for All

*Now more than ever, access to behavioral health care is a top priority for all of us. As we collectively recognize there is no health without mental health – hear directly from Georgians about their experiences and learn how to take action.*

**Opening:** Kari Cobham, M.A., Senior Associate Director Rosalynn Carter Fellowships for Mental Health Journalism & Media, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

**Participants:**
- Kristine Werner, M.S., Board Member, National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Jen Hidinger-Kendrick, Co-founder, Marketing and Communications Director, Giving Kitchen
- Charles Wood, Former Intern, Spring 2021, The Carter Center Mental Health Program
- Miriam Pearsall, 2021 Graduate, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Former Intern, Summer 2020, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

**Call to Action**
Helen Robinson, M.P.A., Associate Director-Public Policy, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

**CLOSING**
Eve Byrd, D.N.P., M.P.H., Director, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

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**FRIDAY MAY 21, 2021**
**11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

11:00 a.m. - Noon OPENING MINDFULNESS EXERCISE

Sadie Bazur-Leidy, M.P.H., Senior Program Associate, The Carter Center Mental Health Program

Conversation: Georgia Innovations in Supportive Housing

*The innovative approaches to supportive housing that are underway in Georgia*
will be discussed. Georgia Supportive Housing Association/Housing First Coalition and the DBHDD Supportive Housing Advisory Committee/SHARE will respond to comments and questions that are raised during the session.

Moderator: Bakari Savage, 2020-21 Rosalynn Carter Fellow for Mental Health Journalism
Participants:
Sam Tsemberis, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Pathways to Housing
Maxwell Ruppersburg, M.P.A., P.M.P., Director, Office of Supportive Housing, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Chris Johnson, M.F.A., Director of Communications, Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network

Noon – 12:30 p.m. Community Connections

12:30 – 12:45 p.m. BREAK

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Conversation: Back to School ~ Best Practices in Prevention and Early Intervention

Georgia is investing in a comprehensive school-based behavioral health (SBBH) model. In response to the pandemic, the increased need for prevention and early intervention services is as important as ever to the sustainability and further development of SBBH across Georgia. A community response is needed as Georgia’s children and families are returning to school.

Moderator: Michael Waller, J.D., Executive Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
Participants:
Layla Fitzgerald M.S., Programmatic Officer, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Sue Smith, Ph.D., Executive Director, Georgia Parent Support Network
Cheryl Galloway-Benefield, Ed.S., Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, Office of Whole Child and Supports, Georgia Department of Education

1:45 – 2:00 p.m. BREAK

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Conversation: Guardianship in Georgia: Support and Protection of Rights

Advances in processes and the use of evidence-based assessment tools that ensure adequate support while preserving the individual rights of Georgians will be discussed.

Moderator: Eve Byrd, D.N.P., M.P.H., Director, The Carter Center Mental Health Program
Participants:
Honorable Susan Tate, J.D., (ret.) Judge, Probate Court of Clarke County
Dwan Grooms, Protection and Placement Specialist, Division of Aging Services, Georgia Department of Human Services
Julie Kegley, J.D., Senior Staff Attorney/Program Director, Georgia Advocacy Office

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Kashef Ijaz, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President, Health Programs, The Carter Center

3:00 p.m.            ADJOURN

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