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 – 9:45 a.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
10:05–11:25 a.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*

11:25–12:00 p.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*

12:00–12:45 p.m.  
**LUNCH BREAK**

12:45–1:55 p.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- 3:20 p.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- 4:20 p.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

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