



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health
& Developmental Disabilities

Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner

Office of the Commissioner

Judy Fitzgerald was appointed Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) in 2016. She has been with DBHDD since 2012, previously serving in the roles of Chief of Staff and Deputy Commissioner.



Fitzgerald is a social worker with a career-long focus on behavioral health and public service delivery systems. Prior to joining DBHDD, she worked in a variety of health and human service settings. From international policy and mental health advocacy at The Carter Center, to non-profit management, Fitzgerald has sustained a passion for collaborative teamwork to facilitate positive impact to address the needs of vulnerable populations. Fitzgerald earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia.