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## Kevin Tanner

*Commissioner, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.*



Commissioner Tanner brings 35 years of public service experience, with a deep understanding of Georgia's complex behavioral health continuum.

His extensive career reflects a profound commitment to improving the lives of Georgians across the state.

With an operating budget of \$1.6B and a workforce of more than 4,500 employees, Commissioner Tanner has led transformative initiatives at DBHDD since his appointment. Under his leadership, historic investments in the agency's workforce have resulted in the reopening of previously offline crisis beds, which has enabled state hospitals to operate at nearly full capacity. His efforts also led to a significant provider rate increase for intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) services and behavioral health professionals. By improving internal efficiencies, Commissioner Tanner was able to raise starting salaries for critical clinical positions by nearly 20 percent.

He also serves as a Trustee of the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust and has played an integral role in the construction of new crisis settings across the state. Funds held by the Trust will be used to support drug addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services.

Tanner previously served as County Manager of Forsyth County and represented House District 9 in the Georgia House of Representatives. During his tenure, he sponsored the founding legislation for the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission; he was later appointed by Governor Kemp to serve as its Chair. This commission played a pivotal role in the creation of the historic HB1013, the Georgia Mental Health Parity Act.

His public service began as a volunteer firefighter and continued with nearly two decades at the Dawson County Sheriff's Office, where he held various roles, including 11 years as Chief Deputy/Undersheriff.

Tanner holds an undergraduate degree from North Georgia College and State University and a Master of Public Administration from Columbus State University.

Tanner and his wife, Stacie, have been married for more than 25 years. Stacie is a public school kindergarten teacher. They are the proud parents of three daughters: Kaitlyn, Abbie, and Chloe. The Tanner family attends Bethel Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Commissioner Tanner also serves on the following Boards:

- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Lanier Technical College Foundation Board
- Georgia Independent College Association
- Chair of ABLE Board
- Chair of Georgia Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

*We meet each Wednesday at noon at the Chattahoochee Technical College Appalachian Campus  
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# UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DATE	MEETING TIMES	SPEAKER
12/3/25	Noon	Commissioner Kevin Tanner
12/10/25	Noon	Ann Dobson, Housing Authority and Gift Cards
12/17/25	No Wednesday Meeting	Holiday Dinner at 61 Main
12/24/25	No Wednesday Meeting	Merry Christmas!
12/31/25	No Wednesday Meeting	Happy New Year



PLEASE JOIN US

## CHRISTMAS

- Dinner -

61 Main

• DECEMBER 17TH, 6PM •

Please RSVP by 12-5  
Rotary members free, guest \$40

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## Little Free Food Pantry

**DRY & CANNED GOODS • CEREAL  
PERSONAL ITEMS • GIFT CARDS**

## JASPER ROTARY CLUB LEADERS

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