



STATE OF GEORGIA
Older Adults Cabinet

Thursday, May 24th, 2018 | Executive Cabinet Meeting Minutes
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 The Governor’s Mansion | 391 W. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA

Members present:

- First Lady Sandra Deal
- Robyn A. Crittenden (Commissioner, DHS)
- Abby Cox (Director, DAS)
- Judy Fitzgerald (Commissioner, DBHDD)
- Vernon M. Keenan (Director, GBI)
- Russell McMurry (Commissioner, DOT)
- J. Patrick O’ Neal, MD (Commissioner, DPH)

Members absent:

- Matt Arthur (Commissioner, TCSG)
- Frank Berry (Commissioner, DCH)
- Chris Carr (Attorney General)
- Amy Jacobs (Commissioner, DECAL)
- Christopher Nunn (Commissioner, DCA)
- Ginger Pryor (Director, DFCS)

Guests:

- Kristyn Cherry (DHS)
- Carmen Chubb (Deputy Commissioner, DCA)
- Richard W. Cohen, MD (Georgia POLST Collaborative)
- Becky Kurtz (Atlanta Regional Commission)
- Lindsay Prizer, PhD (Georgia POLST Collaborative)
- Heather Strickland (GBI)
- Miranda Williams (First Lady’s Office)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to take up
Call to Order	First Lady Sandra Deal: Older Adults Cabinet executive meeting called to order at 7:58 AM.	n/a
Approval of May 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes	A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the May 25, 2017 executive cabinet meeting be approved. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.	Approved
Year Two of the OAC	Commissioner Crittenden led the group in a discussion around the direction of the Cabinet in year two. The purpose of this discussion was to identify a few overarching issues that impact the three priority areas which OAC can actionably support.	n/a



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	<p>Members present discussed what each state agency is doing individually including efforts around abuse neglect and exploitation, workforce development and access to services. Themes that arose during this discussion are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unlicensed personal care homes 2. Supporting the ANE taskforce 3. Emergency management 4. Transportation 5. Mental health – Opioid abuse and seniors 6. Dementia and Alzheimer's 	
<p>Older Adult Health and Advance Care Planning Summit</p>	<p>Commissioner O’Neal introduced Dr. Cohen and Dr. Prizer, who serve as Chairman of the Board and Executive Director at the Georgia POLST Collaborative, respectively. POLST is the Physician Orders For Life-Sustaining Treatment</p> <p>“The Georgia POLST Collaborative is part of the National POLST Paradigm which is an approach to end-of-life planning that emphasizes patients’ wishes about the care they receive. This approach emphasizes (i) advance care planning conversations between patients, health care professionals and loved ones; (ii) shared decision-making between a patient and his/her health care professional about the care the patient would like to receive at the end of his/her life; and (iii) ensuring patient wishes are honored. As a result of these conversations, patient wishes may be documented in our Georgia POLST document, which translates the shared decisions into actionable medical orders.” (http://www.gapolst.org/)</p> <p>Dr. Prizer and Dr. Cohen also spoke about the Advance Care Planning Summit which will take place on September 7, 2018 and invited cabinet members to attend and be a part of this important discussion.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Member Updates</p>	<p>Becky Kurtz, Atlanta Regional Commission Director Kurtz announced that the Metro Atlanta area’s Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) recently launched a new website and encouraged cabinet members to learn more.</p> <p>Heather Strickland, GBI Heather Strickland reminded the group that June 15, 2018 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. GBI is planning an event to highlight this observance and will provide more information.</p> <p>Robyn A. Crittenden, Commissioner, DHS</p>	<p>n/a</p>



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	Commissioner Crittenden recognized May as Older Americans Month. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's celebration of (OAM) and this year's theme was Engage at Every Age. She also noted that June 21, 2018 is the Longest Day, a national observance led by the Alzheimer's Association.	
Adjourn	There being no further business, the cabinet meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.	n/a

The next executive Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th at 8:00 a.m. at the Governor's Mansion.