



STATE OF GEORGIA  
**Older Adults Cabinet**

**Thursday, March 22, 2018 | Full 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 (DHS)*  
 Elisabeth Burgess  
 AG Chris Carr  
 Abby Cox  
 Danah Craft  
 Leisa Easom  
 Kathy Floyd  
 Julie Hall  
 Amanda James  
 Vernon M. Keenan  
 Maureen Kelly  
 Tony Marshall  
 Russell R. McMurry (DOT)  
 Melanie McNeil  
 Adrienne D. Mims  
 Clint Mueller  
 Christopher Nunn (DCA)  
 J. Patrick O'Neal (DPH)  
 Virginia Pryor  
 Kathy Simpson  
 Debra Tyler-Horton  
 Ann Williams

**Members absent:**

Judy Adams  
 Eve Anthony  
 Matt Arthur (TCSG)  
 Frank Berry (DCH)  
 Rep. Tommy Benton  
 Rep. Sharon Cooper  
 Rep. Katie Dempsey  
 Rep. Terry England  
 Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)  
 Ginny Helms  
 Sen. Jack Hill  
 Doug Hooker  
 Amy Jacobs (DECAL)  
 Mary Ann Johnson  
 Allan Levey  
 Milton Little  
 Rep. Eddie Lumsden  
 Steve Neff  
 Peter Skandalakis  
 Sen. Renee S. Unterman

**Guests:**

Kristyn Cherry (DHS)  
 Carmen Chubb (DCA)  
 William Johnson (representing Peter Skandalakis)  
 Becky Kurtz (Atlanta Regional Commission)  
 Miranda Williams (First Lady's Office)  
 Reid Wilson (representing Judy Adams)

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Call to Order</b>	First Lady Sandra Deal: Older Adults Cabinet meeting called to order at 8:05 AM.
<b>Approval of Minutes from November 30, 2017</b>	A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the November 30, 2017 cabinet meeting be approved. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.
<b>Aging and Disability Resource Connection</b>	Maureen Kelly, Becky Kurtz and Julie Hall presented jointly on the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC). Georgia's ADRC is the front desk for connecting to services and supports which serves older adults and persons with disabilities. ADRC Counselors are highly skilled, dedicated workers who are experts in conducting intake and screening for long-term care services, and how are knowledgeable about community services and resources.



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	<p>Becky Kurtz discussed Atlanta’s Area Agency on Aging effort to rebrand the <i>empowerlinePRO</i> tool which is used by ADRC counselors and can be accessed by other agencies and professionals on a subscription basis. Lastly, Julie Hall provided anecdotes about the effectiveness and power of the ADRC.</p> <p>A hard copy of the PowerPoint presentation was also provided to the Cabinet.</p>
<p><b>ADRC Group Discussion</b></p>	<p>The Cabinet held a robust discussion on the ADRC including the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing physicians’ knowledge of ADRC and empowerlinePRO</li> <li>• How agencies can subscribe to empowerlinePRO</li> <li>• How to better market ADRC to the public</li> </ul>
<p><b>Housing for Older Adults in Georgia</b></p>	<p>Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, Christopher Nunn, and Deputy Commissioner, Carmen Chubb, provided an overview of DCA’s functions as it relates to housing programs like rental assistance, homeownership support and the development of affordable communities for low and moderate-income families. They also discussed the rising aging population and need for services in rural parts of the state. Lastly, Deputy Commissioner Chubb outlined a few examples across the state of affordable housing for seniors.</p> <p>A hard copy of the PowerPoint presentation was also provided to the Cabinet.</p>
<p><b>Housing for Older Adults in Georgia Group Discussion</b></p>	<p>Following the presentation, Cabinet members discussed the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• affordable housing for seniors</li> <li>• intersections of medical and social services for seniors living in DCA housing</li> <li>• exploration of tiny house communities in the state</li> </ul>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>Chris Carr, Attorney General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older Adults Consumer Protection Guide is being finalized and will be distributed to the Cabinet soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <i>train the trainer</i> model has been developed for law enforcement to train their colleagues across the state on Alzheimer’s and related dementias. The next train the trainer session will be held on March 29, 2018.</li> <li>• The next ANE Workgroup meeting will be held on May 18, 2018 in Stone Mountain, Ga.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. O’Neal, Department of Public Health (DPH)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPH has provided continued training for ENT workers dealing with Alzheimer’s and related dementias.</li> </ul> <p><b>Maureen Kelly, Thanks Mom &amp; Dad Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Evolving Workforce collaborative event, is being held March 28. This event will discuss how to attract and retain professionals in the aging field. To register, visit <a href="http://atlantaregional.org/evolvingworkforce">http://atlantaregional.org/evolvingworkforce</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Elisabeth Burgess, Georgia State University (GSU)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deadline to apply for GSU’s master’s degree in gerontology is April 15.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Leisa Easom, Rosalynn Carter Institute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) will offer a Bachelor of Science in long-term care management (LTCM), the first-of-its-kind in the nation, beginning this fall. The new degree program will bring Leisa Easom, to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences as the associate dean. The program is also offering 10 scholarships for those interested in the degree program.</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Amanda James, Georgia Gerontology Society (GGS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GGS' May conference will highlight the work of technical schools as it relates to aging as well as the work of the Cabinet. The conference will be held at Lake Lanier on April 11 through April 14.</li></ul> <p><b>Dr. Adrienne Mims, Aliant Health Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Depression Zone Tool is a free self-management guide which allows a person with depression to chart their emotional well-being. Aliant Health Solutions is also offering a mental health first aid certification course, free of charge.</li></ul> <p><b>Julie Hall, Georgia Association of Area Agencies on Aging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle Georgia Regional Commission is hosting an Older Americans Month event on May 31 in Macon, Ga.</li></ul> <p><b>Clint Mueller, Association County Commissioners of Georgia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Mueller would like to develop a course to incorporate into the Lifelong Learning Program to address what local elected officials can do to serve the increasing aging population.</li></ul> <p><b>William Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney's Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prosecuting Attorney's Council is hosting a webinar on March 29 for prosecutors to learn more about older adults with Alzheimer's and related dementias.</li></ul> <p><b>Russell McMurry, Department of Transportation (DOT)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DOT is working on a public-private partnership to deploy broadband throughout all the interstates in Georgia.</li></ul> <p><b>Abby Cox, Division of Aging Services (DAS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 2018 Older Americans Month (OAM) theme is "Engage at Every Age". More information on OAM can be found on ACL's website: <a href="https://oam.acl.gov/">https://oam.acl.gov/</a>.</li><li>• June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.</li></ul>
<b>Adjourn</b>	<p>Before adjourning the meeting, Commissioner Robyn Crittenden presented Mrs. Deal with a card and flowers from the Cabinet as a token of appreciation and support.</p> <p>First Lady Deal also thanked members for attending the cabinet meeting. There being no further business, the cabinet meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.</p>