



STATE OF GEORGIA
Older Adults Cabinet

**Thursday, March 23rd, 2017 | 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
Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden (DHS)
Attorney General Chris Carr
Dr. Adrienne D. Mims
Amanda James
Ann Williams
Clint Mueller
Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (DPH)
Commissioner Camila Knowles (DCA)
Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH)
Commissioner Gretchen Corbin (TCSG)
Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)
Commissioner Russell R. McMurry (DOT)
Commissioner Amy Jacobs (DECAL)
Danah Craft
Vernon M. Keenan
Doug Hooker
Ginny Helms
Dr. Mary Ann Johnson
Kathy Floyd
Melanie McNeil
Milton Little
Dr. Allan Levey
Tony Marshall
Walter Coffey
Wanda Taft
Sen. Jack Hill
Rep. Katie Dempsey
Dr. Elisabeth Burgess
Bobby Cagle
Maureen Kelly
Dr. Leisa Easom

Members absent:

Debra Tyler Horton
Abby Cox
Steve Neff
Eve Anthony
Chuck Spahos
Rep. Sharon Cooper
Rep. Stacey Abrams
Rep. Terry England



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Sen. Renee S. Unterman
 Rep. Tommy Benton
 Judy Adams

Guests:

Jasmine King (First Lady’s Office)
 Barbara Tempel (Governor’s Office)
 Genny Castillo (representing Rep. Stacey Abrams)
 Tobias Tillman (representing Debra Tyler-Horton)
 Katrina Fuller (representing Abby Cox)
 Todd Ashley (Representing Chuck Spahos)
 Ashley Fielding Cooper (DHS)
 Kristyn Cherry (DHS)
 Monique Wheeler (DHS)
 Darrell Green (facilitator)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to take up
Call to Order	First Lady Sandra Deal: Older Adults Cabinet meeting called to order at 8:05 AM.	
Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2017	A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the January 26, 2017 cabinet meeting be approved. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.	Approved
Facilitated Discussion	<p>Darrell Green joined the group to continue a facilitated discussion regarding issues affecting older adults in the state.</p> <p>A. Issue Discussion. Mr. Green provided the opportunity for new members, or members who were not previously present, to share key topics regarding aging Georgians. The topics discussed are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing more rounded training and development opportunities for law enforcement, workforce professionals and informal caregivers • Better supporting grandparents raising grandchildren • Increasing accessible transportation to reduce isolation, food insecurity, and subsequent mental affects, especially in rural areas • Addressing infrastructure as it relates to affordable housing for older adults <p>Members also discussed existing initiatives surrounding serving older adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBI is working collaboratively with the Alzheimer’s Association and DHS to host a training event for Law Enforcement. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attorney General Chris Carr is focusing heavily on elder abuse and working to raise awareness and communication around the issue.• Commissioner Corbin reported that 15 of the 22 technical colleges in the state have LPN programs available. Last year, 1,684 students graduated from LPN programs statewide.• Department of Community Affairs continues fiercely working to provide more affordable housing with programs like the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.• Ann Williams highlighted the Independent Transportation Network of America which provides mobile services to seniors in the state.• Commissioner Crittenden noted that the Division of Aging Services will begin working on compiling a database of statewide resources pertaining to seniors. <p>B. Consensus. After the discussion, cabinet members agreed upon the three following topics for the Cabinet to focus on in the coming year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety – Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation• Workforce Development• Access to Services and Information <p>C. Next steps. Cabinet members were asked to sign up for one or more of the three ad-hoc groups, which will focus on tangible outcomes/initiatives relating to the aforementioned topics.</p>	
Updates	Cabinet members were unable to share updates due to time restraints. However, if there are any relevant updates that should be shared with the Cabinet, please send them to Kristyn Cherry at Kristyn.cherry@dhs.ga.gov .	
Adjourn	<p>Commissioner Crittenden thanked the Cabinet, first Lady Deal and Governor Nathan Deal for leading the discussion on better serving the aging population in Georgia. She also thanked members of the General Assembly for the 2018 budget which supports the state's efforts in serving seniors.</p> <p>First Lady Deal also thanked members for attending the cabinet meeting and underscored the increased need for the Older Adults Cabinet in order to better serve Georgia's seniors.</p> <p>There being no further business, the cabinet meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.</p>	

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