



STATE OF GEORGIA
Older Adults Cabinet

**Thursday, May 25th, 2017 | 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
- Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden (DHS)
- Commissioner Judy Fitzgerald (DBHDD)
- Vernon M. Keenan (Executive Director, GBI)
- Abby Cox (Director, DAS)

Members absent:

- Bobby Cagle
- Commissioner Russell R. McMurry (DOT)
- Commissioner Amy Jacobs (DECAL)
- Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald (DPH)
- Commissioner Camila Knowles (DCA)
- Commissioner Frank Berry (DCH)
- Commissioner Gretchen Corbin (TCSG)

Guests:

- Carmen Chubb (Deputy Commissioner, DCA)
- Heather Strickland (GBI)
- Pat King (DHS)
- Miranda Williams (First Lady’s Office)
- Barbara Tempel (Governor’s Office)
- Ashley Fielding Cooper (DHS)
- Kristyn Cherry (DHS)
- Simone Williams (DHS)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action to take up
Call to Order	First Lady Sandra Deal: Older Adults Cabinet executive meeting called to order at 8:00 AM.	n/a
Older Americans Month (OAM)	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 Age Out Loud. To commemorate the month, cabinet members were asked to share why aging out loud is important and how they “age out loud” in their personal and professional lives.	n/a
Access to Services: ADRC	Abby Cox, Director of Division of Aging Services, provided the Cabinet with information on the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC). The ADRC is a coordinated system of partnering organizations that are dedicated to serving older individuals, individuals with disabilities of all	n/a



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	<p>ages, families, caregivers and professionals. Georgia's ADRC currently serves all of the 159 counties across the state and is critical in providing access to services to older Georgians.</p>	
<p>Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (ANE)</p>	<p>Director Keenan briefed the Cabinet on the work being done in the ANE realm. He provided the Cabinet with meeting minutes and presentations from the At-Risk Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Work Group meeting held earlier in the month. The work group formed in 2012 and continues doing critical work to protect Georgia's vulnerable adults.</p> <p>Pat King of DHS and Heather Strickland of GBI joined the group to provide updates about ANE on the national level. Ms. King noted that since 2011, she has held 69 At-Risk Trainings which have produced almost 2,300 specialists statewide. She also noted that on August 11, 2017, there will be a one-day At-Risk seminar/training for law enforcement.</p>	n/a
<p>Workforce Development</p>	<p>In the workforce development area, Director Cox brought the Cabinet's attention to the Hope Career Grant, which is an opportunity for technical school students of any age to pursue careers specifically aligned with one of 12 industries in which there are more jobs available in Georgia than there are skilled workers to fill them. The HOPE Career Grant, formerly known as the Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant.</p> <p>Director Cox continued, noting that the Georgia Alzheimer's Project (GAP), was allocated \$4.1 million during the legislative session to open five diagnostic clinics across the state for Alzheimer's and related Dementia. The project will assist in early detection and diagnosis, promote uniformity in way diagnosis is made and will wrap individuals with supportive services. She noted that as the clinics open, there will be growing a need for skilled/trained workers.</p>	n/a
<p>Member Updates</p>	<p>Abby Cox, Director, Division of Aging Services, DHS Direct Cox reminded cabinet members that the second annual Senior Hunger Summit will be held on September 28 and 29 at the Marriot Century Center in Atlanta, Ga. The summit will preview the state plan on senior hunger, which is the first of its kind in the country.</p> <p>Carmen Chubb, Deputy Commissioner , DCA Deputy Commissioner Chubb highlighted that DCA received moneys in the state's budget to continue providing home and access programs for people with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities while improving or modifying accessibility.</p> <p>Robyn A. Crittenden, Commissioner, DHS Commissioner Crittenden announced that the Cabinet will provide innovation grants to senior centers throughout the state to fund small</p>	n/a



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	projects like community gardens, accessibility ramps, and senior center redesigns. The Thanks Mom and Dad Fund, who are represented of the Cabinet, will administer 50 grants for up to \$2,000 each.	
Adjourn	First Lady Deal 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. There being no further business, the cabinet meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.	n/a

The next executive Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28th at 8:00 a.m. at the Governor's Mansion.