



## DFCS State Advisory Board Meeting

December 12, 2017

10 AM – 2 PM

**Board Members present:** Chair Cathy Atkins, Vice Chair Tommy Hill, Delaine Hunter, Tina Bartleson, Emily Cole, Belva Dorsey, Judy Manning, Cindy England, Dr. Michelle Zeanah, Emily Brantley, Barbara Sims, JaNice Van Ness, Kathy Cooper, Octavia Fugerson, Meredith Ramaley.

**Board Members absent:** Rodney Griffin, Dr. Columbus Watson, Judge Emily Brantley, Roger Bryant.

**Other attendees:** Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Wayne Drummond, Dr. Jim Gaudin, Pat Swan

**DFCS staff:** Director Virginia Pryor, Chief of Staff Jeff Lukich, Ramirez Evans, LaMarva Ivory, Ellen Geeker, Katrina Mitchell, Mary Beth Lukich, Deputy Division Director Jon Anderson, Vivian Egan, Deputy Division Director Keith Bostick, Deputy Division Director Carol Christopher, Walter Jones, Dahlia Bell-Brown, Laurence Nelson

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- Welcome by Chair Atkins. Calls the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Prayer by Vice Chair Hill
  - Introduction of board members and meeting attendees
  - Chair Atkins: motion to approve today's agenda. Moved by Ms. England. Seconded by Ms. Manning. Approved.
  - Chair Atkins: motion to accept the June minutes. Moved by Vice Chair Hill. Seconded by Dr. Zeanah. Approved.
  - Director Pryor's updates
    - New DFCS structure
    - Introduction of leadership
    - FY18 budget highlights
    - The Way Forward
    - State of Hope
  - Board member updates and community shares
    - Ms. Hunter
      - R1 Roadshow update –Overall was great. Pleased with attendance.

- Ms. Bartleson
  - R3 Roadshow update – Impactful message of Hope
- Ms. Cooper
  - Opioid crisis
- Ms. Dorsey
  - Hiring backlog in Region 8
  - Strategies to improve IMPACT training
  - Panic button – request for update
- Ms. Manning
  - SAAG salary issues
- Ms. Sims
  - Adoptive parents facing lengthy timeframe- request for details on process requirements.
- Ms. Ferguson
  - Participated in Jim Casey Youth Engagement Series this fall
- Dr. Zeanah
  - Kudos to the OFI team for Gateway rollout, minimal issues
- Ms. Cole
  - Update on local board participation
- Pat Swan, DFCS Board Association update
- Committee meetings held from 11:35 a.m. to 1 p.m. (interrupted due to building evacuation)
- Review of committee meetings: OFI, Foster Care & Adoptions, Community Relations, Workforce Development, Child Welfare/Child Protective Services.
- GPHSA presentation by Wayne Drummond and Laurence Nelson – Invited all to register to attend GPHSA Legislative Reception on January 31, 2018 from 5-7PM
- DFCS Board Association presentation by Dr. Jim Gaudin
  - Ms. Cole – where are board members from? What areas do they represent?
- UGA School of Social Work – Board Development Project by Kristina Jaskyte Bahr – Requested all Board members to complete survey
- Deputy Division Director Carol Christopher: Secret Santa Program
- Deputy Division Director Jon Anderson: OFI updates.
- Chief of Staff Jeff Lukich: Child Welfare updates.

- Election of New Board Officers: Quorum met
  - Chair – Tina Bartleson
  - Vice Chair – Octavia Fugerson
  - Secretary – Dr. Michelle Zeanah
- Chair Bartleson: closing remarks and adjournment at 2:43 p.m.