



STATE OF GEORGIA

Division of Family and Children Services

Nathan Deal
Governor

Bobby D. Cagle
Director

DFCS State Advisory Board Meeting

March 14, 2017

10 AM – 2:15 PM

Board Members present: Chair Cathy Atkins, Vice Chair Tommy Hill, Delaine Hunter, Tina Bartleson, Emily Cole, Octavia Fugerson, Dr. Columbus Watkins, Belva Dorsey, Roger Bryant, Meredith Ramaley, Toni Oliver, Judy Manning, Cindy England, Dr. Michelle Zeanah, Emily Brantley.

Board Members absent: Kathy Cooper, Barbara Sims, Rodney Griffin, Dr. Lee Heery.

Other attendees: Debbie Gori, Melissa Johnson, Thomas Kislak, Wayne Drummond, Sheila Blanton, Amy Mobley.

DFCS staff: Director Bobby Cagle, Kirk Chaney, Ramirez Evans, LaMarva Ivory, Donna Pettigrew-Jackson, Susan Boatwright, Deputy Division Director Virginia Pryor, Dahlia Bell-Brown, Denise Thompson-Mosely, Tammy Reed, Carin Ikenberg, Ellen Geeker, Katrina Mitchell, Denise Wells, Mary Beth Lukich, Deputy Division Director Jon Anderson, Lee Biggar, Vivian Egan, Cliff O'Connor.

- Welcome by Chair Atkins. Calls the meeting to order at 11 AM. The board has been at the Capitol having their picture taken with Governor Deal.
- Prayer by Mr. Bryant
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of board members and meeting attendees
- Chair Atkins: motion to approve today's agenda. Moved by Mr. Bryant. Seconded.
- Chair Atkins: motion to accept the December minutes. Moved by Ms. England. Seconded.
- Ms. Bartleson: Explanation of committee names and upcoming vote. Committee name would be Child Welfare/Child Protective Services. Moved by Mr. Hill. Seconded.
- Updates from board members on outreach to their local county directors, regional boards, County Commissioners and community partners.
- Director Cagle: there will be a special event at our April 20th leadership meeting in Macon and we would like to extend an invitation to all board members to attend. This meeting will be focused on Project Graduate and is the culmination

of Director Cagle's fellowship. This will be a very interactive day and each region will leave with a commitment as to what action they'll take to raise graduation rates for youth in care.

- Ms. Hunter: question regarding information to and from the state-level to regional/county boards.
- Director Cagle: send information/ideas/feedback up to him through LaMarva
- Katrina Mitchell: introduction of the Child Welfare Training Collaborative (CWTC). This training is due to a grant received from the Robert Woodruff Foundation.
 - Sheila Blanton and Amy Mobley: presentation on the CWTC.
- Director Cagle's presentation: Adventure Bag commendation presented to Ms. Debbie Gori. For more information on how to get involved/make donations or volunteer, please visit: www.adventurebag.org
- Committee meetings held from noon to 1:00p.m.
- Review of committee meetings: Chair Persons elected for each committee-OFI – Rodney Griffin, Foster Care & Adoptions –Judy Manning and Toni Oliver, Community Relations –Dr. Michelle Zeanah, Workforce Development –Tina Bartleson, Child Welfare/Child Protective Services –Meredith Ramaley.
- Director Cagle: legislative update and proposed budget, Child Abuse Prevention month, 2017 roadshow schedule and next Board Meeting in Blue Ridge, Georgia.
- Deputy Division Director Jon Anderson: OFI updates.
 - Ms. Bartleson: question regarding open enrollment.
- Deputy Division Director Virginia Pryor: Child Welfare updates.
- Wayne Drummond: Semi-Annual GA Association of DFCS Boards Meeting in Macon on April 12th.
- Chair Atkins: closing remarks and adjournment at 2:17p.m.


Board Chair

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