



## DFCS State Advisory Board Meeting

May 8, 2018 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### State Office

**Board members present:** Tina Bartleson, Dr. Michelle Zeanah, Judy Manning, Cathy Atkins, Rodney Griffin, Tommy Hill, Roger Bryant, Emily Cole, Barbara Sims (phone), Cindy England (phone), Octavia Fugerson (phone)

**Board members absent:** Meredith Ramaley, Judge Emily Brantley, Dr. Columbus Watkins, Belva Dorsey, Kathy Cooper, Delaine Hunter, JaNice Van Ness

**Other attendees:** Wayne Drummond (GPHSA)

**DFCS staff:** LaMarva Ivory, Ellen Geeker, Ramirez Evans, Katrina Mitchell, Carla Fairly, Glenene Lanier, Vivian Egan, Keith D. Bostick, Jon Anderson.

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- Welcome by Chair Bartleson. Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.
    - o Group does introductions
    - o Quorum met
    - o Agenda modified so that committees will not meet during lunch. Group approves agenda. Moved by Judy Manning, second by Roger Bryant. Approved.
    - o Group approves March minutes. Moved by Dr. Michelle Zeanah, second by Cathy Atkins. Approved.
  - Bylaws update discussion led by Dr. Michelle Zeanah
    - o Comments by Emily Cole, Cathy Atkins, Roger Bryant and Judy Manning.
    - o Chair Bartleson reminded all that they bring their own expertise, value and perspective.
    - o Bylaws will move forward to the board for final approval. Will be voted on at June meeting.
  - Updates by Chair Tina Bartleson
    - o Overview of information included in board meeting packet.
    - o Board members encouraged to host a Civic Dinner by June 2018
  - Group updates
    - o Emily Cole: CarePortal is rolling out in Carroll County (Region 4) on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - o Cathy Atkins: Please continue sharing board member report updates. They help us get ideas about what is happening around the state.
  - Lunch break: 11 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

- Cathy Atkins: Region 12 update
  - o The region is hosting a staff appreciation event in December at a college in Savannah. The college has agreed to host the event for free and assist with catering.
  - o Meeting with local boards throughout the region.
  - o Made contact with Regional Director and Assistant Division Director for Field Operations, Sekema Harmon.
  - o Have heard from some foster parents that they are receiving their reimbursements late.
- Rodney Griffin: OFI Committee Report - no additional information to add. Minutes included in packet
- Roger Bryant: Child Welfare Committee Report
  - o Meeting after the board meeting and will discuss solution-based casework (SBC) and caseloads
- Dr. Michelle Zeanah: Community Relations Community Report
  - o Met this morning.
  - o Group has reviewed data, policies, statements and other items for board members to use when giving presentations in their communities.
  - o Would like to present at September meeting to the board on how to use these resources
- Judy Manning: Adoptions and Foster Care Committee Report
  - o Haven't been able to meet
- Cindy England: Workforce Development Committee Report -Committee will present at June meeting
- Chair Tina Bartleson:
  - o Committee structure discussion
  - o Charter discussion and feedback
    - Cathy Atkins questions and comments
    - Emily Cole comments
    - Deputy Director Keith D. Bostick comments
    - LaMarva Ivory comments
- Closing remarks by Chair Tina Bartleson
  - o Feedback on committees
  - o Agenda items for upcoming meeting on June 12, 2018
    - Director Pryor's presentation on prevention
    - Dr. J's update on Regional DFCS boards
    - Workforce Development committee presentation
  - o Action-items for next meeting
  - o Please RSVP to the Foster Caregiver of the Year luncheon on May 21, 2018
  - o Share meeting outcomes with regions/local DFCS

- Committees to develop purpose statement and list of goals for June's meeting
- Final updates
  - Roadshow update by Katrina Mitchell
    - June 25-28 in Augusta (Region 7)
    - Roadshows that follow will be the communities that will be lifted up as Regions of Hope
- Update from Deputy Director Keith D. Bostick
  - May is National Foster Care month
  - Share the most recent Blue Note (May)
  - Invitation to Celebration of Excellence
- Motion to adjourn by Dr. Zeanah, second by Tommy Hill. Adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Board Chair Signature:   
Date: 6-12-18

