



State Advisory Board Meeting

November 9, 2021

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Board members present: Chair Belva Dorsey (R8), Vice Chair DeLaine Hunter (R1), Randel Hambrick (R3), Secretary Shondeana Morris (R14), Judy Manning, Nancy White (R6), Octavia Fugerson (R5), Dr. Michelle Zeanah, Dr. Fran Chastain (R2), Allyson Christianson (R12), Susie Weller, Emily Brantley, Meredith Holt (R13), Deke Copenhagen (R7), Tommy Hill (R10), JaNice VanNess

Board members absent: Emily Cole (R4), Virgil Costley, Laci Gillis (11)

Other attendees:

DHS staff: Director Candice Broce, Craig Foster, LaMarva Ivory, Jerrica Williams, Ramirez Evans, Chris Hempfling, Jon Anderson, Denise Wells, Danny Nuckolls, LaCharn Dennard, NuTrelle Toodle, Rhonda Wheeler, Lon Roberts, Sekema Harmon, Santrissa Johnson, Janice Alexander, Johnanna Weathers, Sheila Dease-Dinkins, Shannon Fields, Ashley Parham, Salena Perry, Chelsey Williams, Shay Thornton, Kelly Beasley, Holly Campolong, Jacqueline Williams, Stacy Barfield, Kylie Harrod-Winton, Bryan Horn, Breanna Thomas, Robin Herron, Sunny Patel, Emma McCullough

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- Welcome and Introductions, today's challenge, housekeeping, and roll call by Chair B. Dorsey. Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. Quorum met.
 - Motion to approve today's agenda. Moved and seconded. All in favor. Approved.
 - Motion for approval of September 14, 2021, minutes. Moved seconded. All in favor. Approved.
 - Presentation by Commissioner Candice Broce
 - DHS new structure/Org. Chart
 - Clark's Christmas Kids 2021
 - Operational Updates
 - Family First
 - Deadline met Oct. 1
 - Waiting on federal response to plan
 - Data Lake
 - Contracted with Teradata to effectuate
 - Project will go live Nov. 6
 - Integrating SHINES with Amazon web services
 - Managed care for children in DFCS custody
 - Expecting new contract to be finalized by July 2024

- Presentation by Mary Havick, DHS Deputy Commissioner, Child Welfare
 - Prevention and Community Support
 - Section Overview
 - Inclusive Conversation (formerly known as Civic Dinners)
 - Georgia Parent Advisory Council
 - Permanency
 - Data
 - State Adoption Program
 - National Adoption Month 2021
 - 2nd Annual Virtual Celebration Nov. 1
 - Data
 - Family Match pilot
 - Caregiver Coordinator
 - Section Overview
 - National Kinship Month wrap up September 2021
 - Family First
 - Deadline met Oct. 1
 - Average Caseworker Caseload

- Presentation by Jon Anderson, DHS Deputy Commissioner, OFI
 - OFI Overview
 - Performance
 - Data
 - Quality
 - Steps to improve
 - BOTs implementation
 - Early release SNAP
 - LIHEAP
 - PEBT

- Board Discussion
 - Term Expirations
 - 2021 Elections
 - Vice Chair D. Hunter motion for Chair position. Moved. Seconded. B. Dorsey re-elected.
 - Chair Belva Dorsey motion for Vice Chair position. Moved. Seconded. D. Hunter re-elected.
 - Chair Belva Dorsey motion for Secretary position. Moved. Seconded. S. Morris re-elected.
 - Committees (updates next meeting)
 - Clark's Christmas Kids reminder – Donate and/or Volunteer
- Board Member Regional Reports
 - R1 – Concerns about speeding tickets/disqualification
 - New judges appointed
 - Monthly newsletter implemented
 - 402 total reunifications; 115 adoptions

- R2 – Emailed in: Currently have an interim region director and one county participated in a county wide E911 event for Halloween to promote positive relationships with DFCS.
 - R3 – Pauling Co. 50 adoptions in the past 18 months; will hold an adoption celebration
 - OFI staff retention/salary is a concern
 - R7 – Annual stakeholder meeting in late October
 - South District hiring process sped up (Kudos to the “Dream Team”)
 - National Adoption Month Kick-Off event award winner
 - R8 – Staffing is a challenge
 - Director position filled
 - R12 – Every Child/Every Parent Every Month implementation
 - Job vacancy concerns
 - R13 – Welcome new Regional Director Holly Campolong
 - R14 – National Adoption Day virtual celebration
 - 52 adoptions scheduled in Dekalb Nov. 19
 - NCW donations for adopted youth
 - CASA Dekalb partnership
- Board Chair Message, Belva Dorsey
 - Next SAB meeting scheduled for January 11, 2022
 - Closing remarks and parting words from Chair Dorsey
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.