



State Advisory Board Meeting

June 22, 2022

Virtual Microsoft Live Event

Board members present: DeLaine Hunter (Region 1), Randel Hambrick (Region 3), Octavia Fugerson (Region 5), Nancy White (Region 6), Belva Dorsey (Region 8), Travis Niblett (Region 9), Tommy Hill (Region 10), Allyson Christianson (Region 12), Meredith Holt (Region 13), Shondeana Morris (Region 14), Judy Manning (AL), Jennifer Shinpoch (AL), Virgil Costley (AL)

Board members absent: Emily Brantley, Fran Chastain, Deke Copenhaver, Laci Tippins, JaNice VanNess, Susie Weller

Other attendees:

DHS staff: Commissioner Candice Broce, LaMarva Ivory, Ramirez Evans, Kylie Winton, Mary Havick, Emma McCullough, Stephen Harris, Kirk Chaney, Jacob David, Craig Foster, David Hay, Sarah Hurst, Chuck Inman, Rashad Jackson, Matthew Krull, Cliff O'Connor, Sam Saric, Matt Wosotowsky, Carmen Callaway, Jackie Tate

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- Welcome and Introductions, housekeeping, Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.
 - Roll call by DHS Board Liaison, Jackie Tate. Quorum met.
 - Roll call by SAB Chair B. Dorsey. Quorum met.
 - Motion to approve today's agenda. Moved by Randel Hambrick and seconded by Travis Niblett. All in favor. Approved.

Presentation by Bryan Hay, Deputy Director, Division of Aging Services

- State Units on Aging (SUAs)
 - 56 SUAs in each of the 50 states
- State Plan on Aging FFY 2024 – 2027
 - Phase 1: Review of Georgia's Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) - Completed
 - Phase 2: Facilitate State Plan Hearings and stakeholder input
- Programs and Services
 - Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - Temporary Emergency Respite Fund (TERF) Unit
 - Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCO)
 - Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU)
 - Elderly Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)
 - Public Guardianship Office (PGO)
 - Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
 - GA SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program)/Medicare
 - Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (Kinship Care)
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- Initiatives
 - Dementia Care Specialist Program Launch
 - Expansion of the Georgia Memory Net Program
- Funding
 - FY22
 - \$4.2M American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) match that will allow DAS to draw down \$37,993,513 in federal funds for Home & Community Based Services like meals, health and wellness, and caregiver services.
 - FY23
 - An additional \$3.9M for Home & Community Based Services
- Events
 - June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month
 - Virtual ADRC Summit was a success

Presentation by Sarah Hurst, Deputy Director of Administration, Division of Child Support Services

- Total Amended Budget FY22
 - \$121,917,981
- Total Offices
 - 55 local offices excluding state, region, and specialty/hub offices
- Outreach Programs
 - Fatherhood Program
 - Parental Accountability Court Program
- Self-Service Options
 - Child Support Mobile App
 - Customer Online Portal
 - Communications Center
 - MoneyGram
- FY22 Key Initiatives
 - System Modernization
 - E-filing Application
 - Fatherhood and TCSG Partnership

Presentation by Melody DeBussey, DHS Deputy Commissioner, Office of Family Independence Commissioner

- Critical metrics May 2022
 - Total Families served- 1,456,481
 - Caseload size- 982
 - Frontline staffing levels- 1,483
 - SNAP issuances- \$380,387,534
 - SNAP families served- 776,796
 - SNAP applications and renewals- SNAP applications processed in May was 55,934 and renewals processed was 93,073.
 - Medical Assistance families- 1,093,159
 - TANF issuances- 38,996
 - TANF families- \$1,628,837
 - TANF applications processed- 3,449

Presentation by Mary Havick, DHS Deputy Commissioner, Child Welfare

- Programmatic Data Overview through April 2022
 - Open Intakes
 - Open family support stages
 - Open investigations
 - Children in family preservations
 - Number of children in foster care
 - Entries and Exits
 - Number of children who are adopted
 - Foster care population information
 - Re-entry into foster care
 - Recurrence of maltreatment
- Board member questions
 - Trauma training- several classes offered through collaboration with community partners
 - Expectations from each case manager- try to keep consistent case manager when able
 - Case load counts
 - How many children are enrolled in school- 7444 school age foster youth (5-18)

Presentation by Rashad Jackson, Director of Budget Administration and Cliff O'Connor, Assistant Deputy Commissioner

	<u>AFY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
Current Budget (State Funds)	\$816,659,560	\$816,659,560
Statewide Adjustments (Common Changes)	\$24,971,420	\$51,343,936
Workload Adjustments	\$7,462,709	\$52,036,564
Other Adjustments	-	-
Total Adjustments	\$32,434,129	\$103,380,500
Budget as Approved (State Funds)	\$849,093,689	\$920,040,060

Presentation by Matt Wosotowsky, Director, Legislative Affairs

- HB 424
 - Provides for the creation of a tax credit for contributions to certain foster care organizations that support youth aging out of foster care.
- HB 1013
 - The bill creates the “Mental Health Parity Act”, which is a comprehensive overall and coordination of Georgia’s mental health services.
- SB 116
 - Establishes maternity supportive housing residences and provides for registration of these homes with DHS
- SB 338
 - Increases Medicaid coverage for women from 6 months to 1 year following a pregnancy
- SB 534

- Establishes agency policy for considerations when adopting rules that are applicable to charitable organizations

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Approval of Minutes by DHS Board
Feb. 16, 2022

Action Items for Consideration by the DHS Board
Election of Officers

Motion for approval of March 8, 2022, minutes. Moved by Travis Niblett and seconded by Randel Hambrick. All in favor. Approved.

Board Member Regional Reports

- General discussion: Issues with staffing and retention, interest in trauma training and trauma informed practices throughout State, and relationships and support of foster parents throughout State
 - Next meeting will address these topics in more detail

Presentation by Commissioner Candice Broce

- Upcoming Initiatives
 - Human Resources
 - Efficiency of training processes
 - State employee salary increases
 - Provider rate increases
 - New funds for Community Action Teams
 - Technology Initiatives
 - Building a child welfare database per HB 1013
 - OIT- cloud migration of Gateway and SHINES
 - Medicaid unwinding
 - DHS Roadshows
 - Visited Rome for 3 days in April
 - Continued visits in late Summer

Closing remarks and parting words from Chair Dorsey and Chair Fletcher

- Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.