



Full Children's Cabinet
July 11, 2023
Governor's Mansion
8am-10:00am

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Co-Chair: Amy M. Jacobs, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning
Mindy Binderman, Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students
Jerry Bruce, Georgia Office of the Child Advocate
Melissa Carter, Barton Child Law and Policy Center
Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Caitlin Dooley, Voices for Georgia's Children
Greg Dozier, Technical College System of Georgia
Michelle Smith Lank, Kids World Learning Center
Milton Little, Jr., United Way of Greater Atlanta
Jay Neal, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Allison Setterlind, Georgia Head Start Collaboration Office
Kathleen E. Toomey, Georgia Department of Health
Richard Ward, Academy of Pediatrics, Georgia Chapter

Additional Staff

Alice Aka, Governor's Office of Student Achievement
Megan Andrews, Department of Public Health
Peter Baker, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Jerry Brown, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Diane Durrance, Department of Public Health
Alvin Glymph, United Way of Greater Atlanta
Melinda Moore, UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Quandra Obi, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
Rossany Rios, Technical College System of Georgia
Amy Roys, Department of Early Care and Learning
Cathy Curry-Smith, Department of Juvenile Justice
David Tanner, UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Public Guests:

No public guests attended the meeting.

Call to Order

At 8:00 am, Co-chair Amy M. Jacobs, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning, called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda for the day.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Jacobs asked for a motion to accept the day's agenda. Greg Dozier, Technical College System of Georgia, made the motion to accept. Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Department of Juvenile Justice, seconded. The Cabinet accepted the agenda unanimously.

Agency Updates

Each agency representative provided a brief update of their current work.

Allison Setterlind, Director, Georgia Head Start Collaboration Office discussed partnering with local providers for mobile health in rural locations.

Amy M. Jacobs, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning announced EXPAND grants opportunity to support nontraditional care hours. The grants are open to child care providers, collaborative efforts between non-profits and local governments, and for private businesses.

Richard Ward, Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, discussed the Georgia Mental Health Access in Pediatrics (GMAP) program helps pediatric providers take better care of children and adolescents with behavioral health concerns through provider education and improved access to behavioral health experts.

Special topic discussion: 2Gen Academy

Melinda Moore, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, facilitated an update on the Georgia 2Gen Academy. Rossany Rios, Technical College System of Georgia, Amy Roys, Department of Early Care and Learning, Cathy Curry-Smith, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Peter Baker, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, members of the inaugural cohort provided feedback on their experiences in the Academy. David Tanner, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provided a walk-through of the Family Voice Toolkit that was developed as a capstone project in the Academy.

Special topic discussion: Child Well-Being Index

Milton J. Little, Jr, President and CEO of United Way of Greater Atlanta, introduced an update to the Child Well-Being Index. The index focused on social mobility and disparities related to race and geographical location in Atlanta. The index serves as a baseline of 16 measures that are tracked based on zip code, such as the percentage of children who have access to broadband internet. Data collected from the index can inform opportunities at the local level to improve child well-being.

Special topic discussion: Home Visiting Strategy

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, Department of Public Health, gave an update on the home visiting pilot, including strategies, partners, and resources for home visiting staff. This strategy has been developed over time with input from several partners so that it is sustainable and effective. Additional funding has been provided to promote remote rural monitoring and family planning as a part of this strategy. Children

through the age of one-year are eligible for this pilot; however, there is an emphasis on maximizing the time spent with families in the home to identify supports and connect families to resources.

Facilitated Discussion: Resource Portals for Parents

David Tanner, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, facilitated a conversation on available resource portals for parents, including preferred portals and better ways to communicate about the programs and resources available.

Public Comment Period

No public guests attended the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jacobs at 10:00am.