



STATE OF GEORGIA
Children's Cabinet

Executive Children's Cabinet Meeting

January 10, 2023

DECAL, Oak Conference Room, 8th Floor, East Tower, Sloppy Floyd Building

8 AM to 10 AM

MEETING SUMMARY

Executive Cabinet Members: Amy Jacobs, Department of Early Care and Learning; Joy Hawkins, Governor's Office of Student Achievement; Kevin Tanner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; Caylee Noggle, Department of Community Health; Greg Dozier, Technical College System of Georgia; Jay Neal, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; Kathleen Toomey, Department of Public Health; Jerry Bruce, Office of the Child Advocate; Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Department of Juvenile Justice, Richard Woods, Department of Education, Eric John, Council of Juvenile Court Judges, Miranda Williams, Governor's Office

Department of Early Care and Learning Staff: Liz Young Jerry Brown

Georgia Governor's Office of Student Achievement Staff: Alice Aka, Malenka Warner

Carl Vinson Institute of Government Staff: David Tanner, Melinda Moore, Veronica López-Delgado

Public Guests: Laura Lucas, IECHMH Coordinator, DECAL

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:15 am, Commissioner and Co-Chair Amy Jacobs from the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cabinet Co-chair, Amy Jacobs, asked for a motion to accept the day's agenda. Superintendent Woods, with the Georgia Department of Education moved to accept, and Commissioner Caylee Noggle from the Georgia Department of Community Health seconded. The Full Cabinet accepted the agenda unanimously.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Children's Cabinet co-chair Joy Hawkins welcomed the Executive Cabinet and introduced Alice Aka and Malenka from her agency.

The Cabinet was then invited to share any member agency updates.

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This time was tabled. An update will be emailed to the Cabinet.

SPECIAL TOPIC DISCUSSION – SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH and HOME VISITING

Commissioner Noggle discussed how families and children can benefit with a focus on social determinants of health and preventive services. There is new flexibility at CMS to use Medicaid funds for interventions. The Executive Cabinet discussed how focused investments in preventive health could be measured and improve health.

Commissioner Toomey discussed her interest in the Cabinet aligning its efforts around home visiting programs to improve health outcomes. DPH is setting up working group and a demonstration project and shared that a cross agency approach will be critical.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (11:35 am)

No public guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Executive Director Hawkins at 11:40 am.