



STATE OF GEORGIA
Children's Cabinet

Full Children's Cabinet Meeting

March 14, 2023

Governor's Mansion

8 AM to 10 AM

MEETING SUMMARY

Cabinet Members: First Lady Marty Kemp, Amy Jacobs, Department of Early Care and Learning; Joy Hawkins, Governor's Office of Student Achievement; Jay Neal, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; Kathleen Toomey, Department of Public Health; Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb, Department of Juvenile Justice, Richard Woods, Department of Education; Caitlin McMunn Dooley, Voices for Georgia's Children; Joanna Hill, Bright Promises Children's Center; Michelle Smith Lank, Kids World Learning Center; Allison Setterlind, Georgia Head Start Collaboration Office; Richard Ward, Georgia Chapter – American Academy of Pediatrics; Juanita Yancey, Georgia Head Start Association; Vonda Woodall, North Oconee High School

Other Agency Representatives: Dr. Dean Burke, Department of Community Health; Cayanna Good, Technical College System of Georgia; Megan Andrews, Department of Public Health

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

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

Carl Vinson Institute of Government Staff: David Tanner, Malisia Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:10 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, Joy Hawkins, asked for a motion to accept the day's agenda. Executive Director Jay Neal from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council moved to accept, and Superintendent Richard

Woods with the Georgia Department of Education seconded. The Full Cabinet accepted the agenda unanimously.

WELCOME

Children's Cabinet co-chair Amy Jacobs welcomed the Full Cabinet back.

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

MEMBER AGENCY UPDATES

Cabinet members provided updates on their work.

2GEN ACADEMY UPDATE

David Tanner with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government presented an update on the 2Gen Academy.

INTRODUCTION OF CABINET 2023 THEME AND PRIORITY AREAS

Commissioner Jacobs reemphasized the goals of the Cabinet that were set in 2019. The Cabinet will focus this year on prevention efforts related to child safety and prevention efforts related to child health and well-being.

PRIORITY AREA: ADDRESSING THE HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS THROUGH HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

Commissioner Jacobs opened the discussion with a quick introduction to the topic.

Dr. Dean Burke, Department of Community Health, discussed the agency's focus on improving infant and maternal health and health outcomes for families.

Commissioner Toomey, Department of Public Health, shared her plan for a pilot home visiting program.

David Tanner gave an update on the Carl Vinson Institute of Government's research team efforts to inventory home visiting programs that exist in the Cabinet agencies.

Full Cabinet members had a discussion related to potential partners in a home visiting strategy and some outcomes they would like to see.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jacobs at 10:03 am.