

**BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 13, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Atlanta, Georgia**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robertiena Fletcher, Chair
Frank Auman, Vice Chair
Monica Walters, Secretary
Jack Williams
David Barbee
Wes Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judy Brownell
Scott Johnson
Randall Smith

Also present, Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden.

Chair Robertiena Fletcher called the Board of Human Services' meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. on February 13, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Jack Williams that the minutes of the November 14, 2018 board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was presented by David Barbee and seconded by Jack Williams that the minutes of the January 18, 2019 special board meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Crittenden began the Commissioner's Report by thanking everyone for welcoming her back to DHS. She thanked Gerda B. Hines for serving as Interim Commissioner during her time as Secretary of State. Gerda B. Hines now serves as Chief of Staff at DHS.

The Commissioner spoke on her discussion with Georgia's new Governor, Brian P. Kemp. Governor Kemp appreciates all the work employees do at DHS and hopes that we continue building stronger families for a stronger Georgia. Additionally, First Lady

Kemp was introduced to the Older Adults Cabinet (OAC) in hopes that the OAC will be able to continue their work in helping older adults in Georgia.

Commissioner stated that in the upcoming year, DHS will continue to focus on the Blueprints which include Workforce Development, Constituent Engagement and the Practice Model.

Commissioner thanked staff for their excellent work on the Annual Report and the Division of Aging's Just the Facts. The booklets can be found on the department's website for viewing.

Commissioner acknowledged the federal changes in the Family First Prevention Services Act. Also, in the upcoming year, the Integrated Eligibility System (IES), also known as Georgia Gateway, will be inviting other agencies to collaborate in hopes of continuing to expand the program.

Commissioner announced the May board meeting would be held in a different location. The Board will get a chance to hear about the Memory Assessment Clinics that the Division of Aging Services offers to older adults across Georgia.

Commissioner mentioned that a monthly event calendar is sent to board members. She encouraged them to attend any events that they are interested in as well as making office visits in their local areas. Shannon Hinds, Special Assistant, will be the contact for all board members that are interested.

Commissioner stated that this year, the Senior Hunger Summit will be held in conjunction with the Healthy Communities Summit. It will take place in Savannah, Georgia from June 19th to June 21st.

Commissioner concluded by detailing the changes in the leadership. Tonya Curry who served as Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel will be moving to the Department of Community Affairs as the Deputy Commissioner for Housing. Stephen Harris will step in to serve as Interim General Counsel. Georgia Gateway Director, Laura Ellis, will be retiring at the end of February. She has worked with DHS for 11 years and Commissioner wished her the best in retirement. Ed Potts will be the new Director for Georgia Gateway and officially begin his position in March. Demetrius Taylor served as the Interim Chief Financial Officer and will now serve as Chief Financial Officer.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Commissioner wanted to recognize several staff members for their exemplary service and contributions to building stronger families for a stronger Georgia. The staff members represent many different divisions and offices and have been key players in several DHS projects over the past year. The Commissioner's Spotlight Awards are given

at each quarterly board meeting. Each awardee got an award as well as a picture with the Board. The recognized staff members are as follows:

- Shemkia Reid- Harris
- Sharee Rines
- Chris Johnson
- Donna Pettigrew- Jackson
- Tiffany Hightower
- Tatyanna Phelps
- Nancy Sloan
- Pamela McBeth Rowie


Chair Fletcher concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their excellent reports and presentations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Human Services is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at Cobb Senior Center, 1150 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, GA 30064.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Walters, Secretary

APPROVED:



Robertiena Fletcher, Chair