



STATE OF GEORGIA
Older Adults Cabinet



CHAIRWOMEN

Sandra Deal | First Lady, State of Georgia

Robyn A. Crittenden | Commissioner, Department of Human Services

GEORGIA'S OLDER ADULTS CABINET

Purpose

The Cabinet consists of state agency heads, educational institutions, older adults and service providers working with Georgia's older adult population. The Cabinet's purpose is to provide a place for policymakers and state agencies to work with stakeholders to develop strategic planning focused on improving the wellbeing of Georgia's aging population.

Co-chaired by First Lady Sandra Deal and DHS Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden, the Cabinet will examine, study and assess the current issues impacting older Georgians such as: healthcare, nutrition, transportation, housing, safety, abuse, neglect and exploitation, aging services, workforce development and economic security.

Vision

Living Longer, Living Safely, Living Well

Goals

- Analyze existing programs and services for older Georgians.
- Enhance the state's capacity to provide services to older and vulnerable adults.
- Commit to collaborative approaches that allow older adults to safely remain in their homes and communities.

MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sandra Deal

First Lady of Georgia

Robyn A. Crittenden

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Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Abby Cox

Director, Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services

STAKEHOLDERS

AARP

Debra Tyler-Horton, State Director

Alliant Health Solutions, Inc.

Dr. Adrienne D. Mims, Vice President & Chief Medical Officer

Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter

Ginny Helms, Vice President, Chapter Services & Public Policy

Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)

Clint Mueller, Legislative Director

Georgia Association of Area Agencies on Aging (G4A)

Wanda Taft, Director of Aging Services, Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Georgia Association for Community Care Providers

Steve Neff, Executive Director

Georgia Association for Home Health Agencies

Judy Adams, Executive Director

Georgia Association of Regional Commissions

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Georgia Council on Aging

Kathy Floyd, Executive Director

Georgia Gerontology Society

Amanda James, Executive Director

Georgia Health Care Association

Tony Marshall, President and CEO

Georgia Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Melanie McNeil, State Ombudsman

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

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Dr. Leisa Easom, Executive Director

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Georgia Food Bank Association

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Athens Community Council on Aging

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United Way of Greater Atlanta

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Community Representative

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UNIVERSITIES

Georgia State University

Dr. Elisabeth Burgess, Director, Department of Gerontology

Emory University

Dr. Allan Levey, Chairman, Department of Neurology, Director of Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

University of Georgia

Dr. Mary Ann Johnson, Interim Director, College of Public Health Institute of Gerontology

LAUNCH DATE

8 a.m., January 26, 2017

Governor's Mansion
391 West Paces Ferry Rd. NW,
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MEETING SCHEDULE

Six meetings per year, to consist of three meetings for Executive Committee members only and three meetings per year of the full Cabinet.

2017 MEETING DATES

Thursday, January 26	Older Adults Cabinet Kickoff
Thursday, March 23	Large Cabinet Meeting
Thursday, May 25	Executive Cabinet Meeting
Thursday, July 27	Large Cabinet Meeting
Thursday, September 28	Executive Cabinet Meeting
Thursday, November 30	Large Cabinet Meeting

Deal announces Georgia's Older Adults Cabinet

January 30, 2017

Gov. Nathan Deal this week announced the creation of Georgia's Older Adults Cabinet, a committee working to enhance the state's capacity to serve older adults. The Older Adults Cabinet seeks to identify ways for Georgia to improve the well-being of its older residents by bringing together state agency heads whose work supports older Georgians, as well as stakeholders in the business, philanthropic and education communities.

"Georgia has one of the fastest-growing populations of older adults in the country — a statistic we expect to continue to rise as baby boomers reach the age of retirement," said Deal. "The members of this cabinet will be instrumental in examining issues that affect elderly Georgians and ensuring we have the infrastructure to meet their needs and the needs of their caregivers. I am confident that the Older Adults Cabinet will bring together leaders from across the state to effectively address the issues affecting older individuals and families in Georgia."

Co-chaired by First Lady Sandra Deal and Department of Human Services (DHS) Commissioner Robyn A. Crittenden, the Older Adults Cabinet will focus on issues that affect older Georgians, including health care, nutrition, transportation, housing and abuse, neglect and exploitation.

"I am honored to serve older adults in our state and be a part of the effort to develop long-term solutions that help Georgians live longer, live safely and live well, especially as the need for services to help older adults maintain independence and remain safely in their homes and communities increases each year," said First Lady Deal.

The cabinet comprises an executive committee made up of leaders representing DHS, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Community Affairs, Community Health, Public Health, Transportation, Early Care and Learning, the Technical College System of Georgia, Family and Children Services and Bureau of Investigation agencies and a larger committee that includes partners from the University System of Georgia, providers of health care and community-based nutrition programs, advocacy organizations and members of the Georgia General Assembly.

"When I first became commissioner of the Department of Human Services, I promised Gov. Deal I would make the issues affecting the aging community a priority," said Crittenden. "The Older Adults Cabinet will allow us as a state to prioritize and take a holistic approach to addressing the issues affecting the aging community resulting in stronger families for a stronger Georgia."

The cabinet will hold six meetings per year, three meetings for Executive Committee members and three meetings of the full cabinet.

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