

**Georgia Children's Cabinet
Executive Committee
Thursday, November 15, 2012 - Minutes
Executive Cabinet: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
The Governor's Mansion, 391 W. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA**

Attendees: Eric John (CJCJ), Frank Berry (DBHDD), David Cook (DCH), Clyde Reese (DHS), L. Gale Buckner (DJJ), Brenda Fitzgerald (DPH), Katie Jo Ballard (GOCF), Corinna Magelund (Disability Services Ombudsman), Erin Hames (Governor's Office), Bonnie Holliday (GOSA) Tonya Boga (OCA), Bobby Cagle (DECAL), Avery Niles (DJJ)

Members Not Attending: First Lady Sandra Deal, Dr. John Barge (DOE)

Others Attending: Ember Bishop (First Lady's Office), Matt Pitts (GOCF)

Agenda Issue	Discussion	Conclusion/ Action to Take/Follow up
Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ballard. Introductions and welcomes were made. ➤ Mrs. Ballard stated that the first lady sends her regrets for not being able to attend this meeting as she is away on travel. ➤ Mrs. Ballard welcomed Commissioner Avery Niles from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Executive Cabinet. 	
Safe Sleep Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Ballard thanked the executive cabinet for coming to the launch of the Safe Sleep Campaign press conference. The launch has received great press coverage so far. ➤ The Cabinet has done a great job with raising the bar and working towards spreading awareness of the importance of safe sleep throughout the state. ➤ The next step going forward is the targeting and visiting of regional hospitals. Also, the Cabinet will reach out to the local level, while continuing with its partners. ➤ Mrs. Ballard asked the board for any ideas for pushing the Safe Sleep Campaign forward. Eric John suggested that we have pamphlets that have a contact number located on each brochure. The cabinet agreed that a local contact would be very useful to new parents who need information and may not have the means of acquiring it. ➤ Commissioner Fitzgerald recommended a video with Mrs. Deal speaking on the issue to distribute to the different hospitals. Commissioner Fitzgerald also mentioned that we should target grandparents, being that they are many times the ones that give advice to their sons and daughters on how to sleep their baby. The name of the campaign would be the Grandmothers Campaign. The Cabinet agreed that Grandparents are many times the ones who teach new parents how to sleep their baby. ➤ The Cabinet also proposed the idea of a poster sized picture of the immunization card with the message located on it. 	

	<p>Commissioner Reese noted that posters in every DFCS office in the state with each department’s logo on it would be a good idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Ballard agreed and stated the Cabinet logo should be placed underneath Agencies logo’s for all shared Cabinet initiatives. ➤ Mrs. Ballard thanked the council for their ideas and noted that the GOCF will assist with whatever each agency needs and will help any way it can. 	
Unified Data System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Cabinet has been committed to improving outcomes for children and families in Georgia by sharing critical educational data. ➤ Mrs. Ballard thanked the cabinet for sending their Chief Information Officers over to the GOCF to meet on Nov 14th. ➤ Mrs. Ballard stated again that the overall goal is to get everyone working on the same page and have systems in place where critical data can be shared. ➤ Commissioner Niles let the council know that integrated eligibility is a large project that is very important. Creating a common distinction between the large departments is what we can do here. ➤ Mrs. Ballard noted that this will be a longitudinal data system for agencies to be able to see the relevant information from others. ➤ Mrs. Ballard asked the board what the next steps are and how we should move forward: ➤ Mrs. Holliday recommended that a great starting point would be for each agency to develop a list of policy questions they are interested in answering; questions that haven’t been “answerable” in the past. That is what is important to know, who owns it, and how we will show it. The council agreed that this would be a great starting point and agreed that we should continue building on these steps for the next meeting. ➤ Mrs. Ballard confirmed your Information Officer will need to be clear on what your agency would like to share. Some information is considered confidential, and we need to take into consideration legal concerns. 	
Medicaid Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Ballard thanked Commissioner Cook for taking the time to create a presentation for the cabinet on Medicaid. ➤ Presentation Attached ➤ The Presentation will be presented to the Full Cabinet next meeting 	
Adjourn	<p>Mrs. Ballard thanked the Cabinet members for their attendance and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.</p>	