

**Georgia Children’s Cabinet
Executive Committee
Thursday, January 17, 2013 - Minutes
Executive Cabinet: 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
The Governor’s Mansion, 391 W. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA**

Attendees: First Lady Sandra Deal, 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), Bobby Cagle (DECAL), Avery Niles (DJJ)

Members Not Attending: Dr. John Barge (DOE), Tonya Boga (OCA)

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. Deal. Introductions and welcomes were made. ➤ Mrs. Deal welcomed Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Avery Niles, to the Children’s Cabinet. 	
Safe Sleep Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Deal introduced the Safe Sleep Poster to the Cabinet. The poster shows the Children’s Cabinet logo located on the top right corner. ➤ Mrs. Ballard noted that we discussed putting all agency logos on the poster; however, it was decided to just put the Children’s Cabinet logo on it. This shows that we as a Cabinet stand and coordinate together for the greater good of the State. ➤ Mrs. Ballard noted that Cabinet members can get posters from the Governor’s Office for Children and Families and you can place an order by contacting Matt Pitts. Matt can also send you a PDF version. ➤ Commissioner Berry noted that we could get these posters out to more residential programs and state hospitals. ➤ Commissioner Niles noted that DJJ will put all the posters up in all of its 28 facilities across the state. ➤ Mrs. Deal thanked the board for all of its cooperation and knows that it will make a great impact on Georgia’s children. 	
Immunization Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Deal showed the Cabinet members the immunization flyer. The flyer shows that over 75,000 immunization cards have been delivered to hospitals across the state. Seventy five thousand more will be ordered to distribute to more hospitals around the State. ➤ Mrs. Deal introduced a new immunization poster to the Children’s Cabinet that helps remind individuals that immunizations are very important. Also, it is important for children to get all of their shots for their overall health. 	

<p>Monthly Highlight</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Deal introduced the monthly highlight schedule for the Children’s Cabinet. Each month focuses on a particular issue. Mrs. Deal noted that this will help promote the good things that the State is doing and how each agency is working to improve a wide variety of issues throughout Georgia. ➤ Mrs. Deal noted that for February we will focus on Juvenile Justice and will travel with Commissioner Niles to facilities throughout the state. However, any ideas or anyone who wants to take part in the travel or promotion of the highlights during the month are welcome. ➤ Commissioner Berry noted that if we could incorporate mental health into the month of April, it would be great. The board agreed, and mental health will be added during the month of April. ➤ The Cabinet agreed that we should not highlight each month with just one particular agency, but rather all work together each month to coordinate and promote issues across the State every month. This gives us more of a direction and helps us focus on specific issues. ➤ Ember Bishop noted that when a member of the Cabinet has an idea for a monthly highlight to email her and copy Matt Pitts, so we can work together to coordinate our efforts and to keep track of them. 	
<p>Unified Data System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs. Ballard noted that Bonnie Holliday had a conversation with Bob Swiggman from the Department of Education. ➤ Mrs. Holliday distributed a summary of her conversation with the DOE to the Cabinet. ➤ Mrs. Holliday noted that DOE is not as equipped to share data as the Cabinet initially thought. DOE has a great system and a lot of great data in it. They are capable of giving all our agencies the data they already have. ➤ DOE, however, cannot help the Cabinet agencies share data with each other. They also are not prepared to receive the different agencies’ data at this point. ➤ Mrs. Holliday discussed the pilot going on with DJJ, DFCS, and the Juvenile Courts where they are currently able to connect to a tunnel, which enables them to get DOE data. This interface allows for agencies to look at data from DOE. There has to be a FERPA valid reason to share this data. DOE is more than willing to share their data with other agencies. ➤ Mrs. Holliday noted that before we get serious about sharing data with one another we need to make a decision to what the purpose of sharing this data is. Is the purpose research or operational? These are two very different types of data operating bases. Identified data vs. de-identifiable data. ➤ Commissioner Reese noted that from a Human Services perspective we are looking more for an operational system. One where we can share records and look at data for 	

	<p>example from DJJ. The Cabinet agreed that their agencies were looking more towards an operational data system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commissioner Fitzgerald noted that DPH would love to look at trend data within the data system. This would be identifiable information. The Cabinet agreed that most of the agencies want identifiable data and noted that it is a challenge with FERPA. ➤ Mrs. Holliday noted that the challenge will be working with your individual CIOs because they are going to be very hesitant to share this identifiable data. Restrictive access will more than likely be required. ➤ Commissioner Reese noted that with public education and access to the longitudinal data system, there have been parameters put in place for who has access. We will have to break through many barriers, but he believes this can be done with leadership from this group from the top down. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The meeting adjourned at 8:25am 	