



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: An estimated 15 million children throughout the United States may be suffering from a mental health disorder; and

WHEREAS: In Georgia, recent reforms have expanded mental health coverage for all children covered under PeachCare and Medicaid; and

WHEREAS: Such changes recognize the importance of early examination and treatment; and

WHEREAS: Continued emphasis on the availability of early examination and treatment of mental health issues is essential to the health of the citizens of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: The Commission on Children's Mental Health is hereby created to evaluate Georgia's approach to children's mental health and research appropriate future actions for the state in addressing children's mental health concerns.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Commission shall report its findings to the Governor by September 1, 2017.

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ORDERED: That the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Commission:

- Katie Childers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Office of the Governor (Co-Chair)
- Judy Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (Co-Chair)

- Frank Berry, Commissioner, Department of Community Health
- Bobby Cagle, Director, Department of Family and Children Services
- Teresa MacCartney, Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
- Stephanie Blank, Founding Chairwoman, Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students
- Erica Fener Sitkoff, Policy and Outreach Director, Voices for Georgia's Children
- Dr. Jordan Greenbaum, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

This 7th day of June, 2017.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR