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Georgia House Rural Development Council Meeting Agenda October 25, 2023
*Location: Nessmith-Lane Center Ballroom, Georgia Southern University, 847 Plant Drive,
Statesboro, GA 30458*

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| Welcome by Co-Chairs Greene and Jackson | 10:00 AM |
| Opening Remarks by Georgia Southern University | 10:15 AM |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Carl L. Reiber, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs- Dr. Jessica Smith Schwind, Director, Institute for Health Logistics & Analytics- Dr. Asli Aslan, Director of the Institute for Water and Health | |
| Welcome by Representatives and Local Officials | 10:45 AM |
| Georgia Health Initiatives (Rural Health Indicators) | 11:00 AM |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cindy Zeldin, Vice President of Health Policy and Government Affairs, Georgia Health Initiative | |
| Rural Hospital Tax Credit Update | 11:30 AM |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Anna Adams, Executive Vice President, Georgia Hospital Association | |
| <i>Lunch Break</i> | 12:00 PM |
| Department of Community Health | 1:00 PM |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commissioner Russel Carlson- Joe Hood, Chief Operating Officer- Dawn Waldrip, Director of Hospital Services at the State Office of Rural Health | |
| The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University | 1:30 PM |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. David Hess, Dean, Medical College of Georgia- Lauren Hopkins, MPH- Associate Vice President, Virtual Care & Community Engagement- Dr. Chad Ray, Associate Dean, Primary Care & Community Engagement | |

Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Their Role in Drug Spending	2:00 PM
- Michael Power, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association	
Georgia Council on Aging	2:30 PM
- Maureen Kelly, Legislative Chair	
Kaiser Permanente (Military Veterans Employment Program)	3:00 PM
- Shea Ross-Smith, Director, Government Relations	
- Jamaal Lofton, Retired Naval Officer, Area Director, Specialties and Member Experience	
The Honorable Speaker Jon Burns	3:30 PM
Announcements/Adjournment	4:00 PM

Georgia House Rural Development Council Meeting Agenda October 26, 2023
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Welcome by Co-Chairs Greene and Jackson	9:00 AM
Georgia Division of Family and Children Service	9:00 AM
- Dr. Shaun Johnson, Caregiver and Well-Being Coordination Section Director	
- LaCharn Dennard, South District Director	
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice	9:30 AM
- Margaret Cawood, Legislative/Community Liaison	
The National Alliance on Mental Illness	10:00 AM
- Kim H. Jones, Executive Director	
Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	10:30 AM
- Ashley Fielding, Assistant Commissioner for Agency Affairs	
- Dante McKay, Director of the Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families	
- Ladj Ruffin, Forensic Peer Mentor Trainer/Liaison	
Closing Remarks by Georgia Southern University	11:00 AM
- President Kyle Marrero	
Adjournment	11:05 AM