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Commissioner Names Ad Hoc Members to the Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board

ATLANTA – Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) Commissioner, Dr. Rhonda Medows, announced today the appointments of Ad Hoc Members to the Health Information Technology and Transparency (HITT) Advisory Board. The members will provide information on their areas of expertise concerning the issues facing the 12 member board. Additional members may be named at a later date.

Ad Hoc Member	Affiliation	Health Care Segment Area of Expertise
Jason Bearden	Governor's Office of Planning & Budget	Finance
Marsha Burke	WellStar Health System, Inc.	Hospital Finance
Dedra Cantrell	Emory Healthcare	Hospital
Tod Citron	Cobb Community Service Board	Behavioral Health
Michael Heekin	Health Care Consultant	Health Information Technology Specialist
George Israel	Georgia Chamber of Commerce	Employers; Self-insured
R. Scott Leavell	Health Care Program Advisories Consultant	Project Management
Dr. Bill McClatchey	Piedmont – Healthcare	Electronic Medical Record
Doug Moses	Children's Hospital of Atlanta	Hospital Reimbursement
Dr. Winston Price	Georgia State Medical Association	Physicians
Dr. Louvenia Rainge	Doctor of Dental Surgery	Dentists
Gayle Ransom	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Federal Government
Dennis White	Georgia Medical Care Foundation	Quality Improvement Organization; Medicare Pilots, DOCKIT
Bill Zimmerman	Archbold Memorial Hospital	Hospital – Rural

The Governor created the HITT Advisory Board by Executive Order on October 17, 2006 and DCH Commissioner Dr. Rhonda Medows appointed the 12 member board on November 9, 2006.

The HITT Advisory Board is charged with developing and implementing a statewide health information exchange. The members will also be charged with creating a pilot program that will be presented to the Georgia General Assembly during the upcoming 2007 session. In addition, the board will help develop and implement a Web-based health transparency site that will give consumers information on cost of care and health quality.

The next meeting of the HITT Advisory Board is scheduled for December 13, 2006 at Piedmont Hospital from 1 to 5 p.m.

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