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TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020
7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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GOOD MORNING!

7:30-8:00 AM

Registration and breakfast

8:00 AM

Welcome

Dr. Natalie Hernandez, Morehouse School of Medicine
Board Chair, Georgians for a Healthy Future

8:10 AM

Remarks by Georgians for a Healthy Future's Executive Director

Laura Colbert, Executive Director

8:20 AM

My Health Care Story

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Introduced by Alyssa Green, Outreach & Education Manager,
Georgians for a Healthy Future

8:30 AM

Bi-partisan Legislative Panel

Featuring:

Senator Ben Watson

Senator Harold V. Jones II

Representative Jodi Lott

Representative Beth Moore

9:50 AM

Presentation of the Linda S. Lowe Advocacy Award

Dawn Alford, Awardee

Presented by Linda Smith Lowe



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10:10 AM

Introduction of keynote speaker

Michelle Conde, Communications & Special Projects Manager,
Georgians for a Healthy Future

10:15 AM

Keynote address and Q&A

Dr. Jamila Michener, Cornell University

11:15 AM

Special Recognition

Melanie Porter, Board member,
Georgians for a Healthy Future

11:25 AM

Closing remarks

Monica Ponder, Past Board Chair

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for GHF's tenth annual Health Care Unscrambled legislative breakfast! We are proud to have hosted this event for the last ten years, bringing together health advocates, consumers, providers, and public health professionals with Georgia's leading policy makers and national health policy experts. Long-time partners and new stakeholders join us each year to look ahead at the health care issues that most impact the people of our state and examine the available policy solutions. Whether you have attended all ten years, or this is your first Health Care Unscrambled: Welcome and thank you for your support!

As we convene today, Georgia is in the midst of a momentous conversation about what the future of health care looks like in our state. The discussion is largely focused on which Georgians can get or keep health coverage, what protections are essential and necessary for consumers, what is considered affordable, and how to do the most good with Georgia's available resources. While many stakeholders have weighed in with their own perspectives, the most important responses come from Georgia families and individuals. They have the answers to these questions in their stories about the impact of the hospital closure on their communities, their inability to find a specialist who will see uninsured patients, the surprise bill they received after surgery, the long wait for a mental health appointment with the only mental health provider in town, and the decisions they have to make about the family budget to accommodate rising health care costs.

The stories and experiences of Georgia consumers may not translate cleanly into one policy solution or another. Georgians live complicated, multi-faceted lives, and we as advocates, policy makers, and stakeholders must embrace that as we search for ways to improve access to care, affordability, and health outcomes. We must take care to hold

the entire experiences of consumers at the center of our advocacy so that we can effectively identify and implement policies that meaningfully improve the lives and health of all Georgians. Georgians for a Healthy Future is committed to this responsibility and invites your partnership in our efforts.

This morning's program features a series of guests who exemplify the value of consumer voice. First, we will hear from a Georgia consumer about her experiences navigating Medicaid while balancing employment and family. Then a bi-partisan group of state legislators will discuss how consumer input will inform their work in the 2020 session. Dr. Jamila Michener, author and professor at Cornell University, will lead the final part of the program where we will examine the intersection of health and political equity using qualitative data collected from Medicaid beneficiaries. We hope you enjoy today's program.

Thank you again for spending your morning with us.

Sincerely,



Laura Colbert, MPH, MCHES
Executive Director



Natalie D. Hernandez, PhD, MPH
Chair, Board of Directors

HEALTH CARE UNSCRAMBLED 2020 LEGISLATIVE PANEL



Senator Ben Watson
Senate District 1, Savannah

Twitter: @RepBenWatson

Senator Ben Watson M.D., a Republican, was elected to the State Senate in 2014. He represents District 1 which includes portions of Chatham and Liberty Counties and all of Bryan County. Sen. Watson is chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. He also serves as a member of the Appropriations, Public Safety and Transportation Committees, as well as an ex officio on the Insurance and Labor Committee, and the Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee. In 2010, Sen. Watson was elected to represent the islands district of Savannah in the Georgia House of Representatives. While in the House, he served as the Vice-Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, Secretary of the Science and Technology Committee and a member of the Higher Education Committee. In his last two years as a Representative, he served on the Appropriations Committee and Health Subcommittee. During his four years in the House, Sen. Watson was proud to be the only medical doctor to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives. Sen. Watson has served as a primary care physician in Savannah since 1988. He practices internal medicine with a specialty in geriatrics. He is a native of Twin City, Georgia and is a graduate of Emanuel County Institute and the University of Georgia. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. Sen. Watson and his wife, Bernice, a Savannah-Chatham Public School teacher, live on Isle of Hope. They have three sons.

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Senator Harold V. Jones II
Senate District 22, Augusta

Twitter: @SenHaroldJones

Senator Harold Jones II, a Democrat, was elected to the senate in 2014. He represents the 22nd district, which includes portions of Richmond County. Senator Jones serves as the Democratic Whip. He is also Secretary of the Ethics Committee while serving as a member of the Economic Development and Senate Rules Committees. In 2004, he was elected as the first African American Solicitor General for Richmond County. In 2008, he was re-elected with endorsements from the Augusta Chronicle, Augusta Focus and Metro Courier for Solicitor General. As solicitor general, Sen. Jones handled misdemeanor crimes and strived to balance representation of the State with advocacy for victims and to maintain policies that apply standards of fairness and equality for all concerned. Senator Jones has long been an active member of his community. His affiliations include the NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Downtown Rotary Club, the Greater Augusta Arts Council (former chairman), the Richmond Burke County Youth Council (former chairman), Democratic Party

Member, Leadership Augusta (former board member), and Leadership Georgia. Senator Jones created the Harold V. Jones II Social Studies Award, which is given to a Glenn Hills High School senior who plans to study political science in college. Senator Jones earned his bachelor's degree from South Carolina State University in 1991. In 1994, he graduated from North Carolina Central University Law School. Senator Jones is a former adjunct professor for Georgia Military College, Paine College and Voorhees College. Currently, he works as an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix

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Representative Jodi Lott
House District 122, Evans

Twitter: @JodiD4Lott

State Representative Jodi Lott represents the citizens of House District 122, which includes portions of Columbia County. She was elected into the Georgia House of Representatives in 2015. Born and raised in Maine, Rep. Lott graduated from the University of Maine with a BSN in nursing. She spent 18 years as a registered nurse in both inpatient and outpatient facilities within the greater Augusta community. Currently Rep. Lott and her husband, Jason, are the owners of Evans Rehabilitation and Wellness, a physical therapy practice in Evans, Georgia, where she continues to assist in administrative responsibilities. Rep. Lott currently serves as a governor's floor leader, vice-chairman of the Intragovernmental Coordination Committee and as a member of the Appropriations, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice, Public Safety & Homeland Security, Science & Technology, Small Business Development and State Properties committees. Rep. Lott and her husband, Jason, have two sons, Dalton and Colby, and live in Evans.

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Representative Beth Moore
House District 95, Peachtree Corners

Twitter: @MooreForGeorgia

Representative Beth Moore is a lifelong Georgian currently residing with her husband, Lorie Moore, in Peachtree Corners in Gwinnett County. She graduated high school from Wesleyan, earned dual bachelor's degrees in psychology and German from the University of Georgia on the H.O.P.E. Scholarship and received her law degree from Georgia State University. Rep. Moore started her own entertainment law practice in 2012, representing artistic talent and creative entrepreneurs in Georgia's music, film and television industries. From 2015 to 2017, she worked as the music business instructor at the Atlanta Institute of Music, and from 2012 to 2013, served as the executive director of the National Association of Record Industry Professionals (Atlanta Chapter). She is a longstanding member of the Recording Academy, Georgia Production

Partnership, Atlanta Film Society and the Georgia Bar Association. As an incoming legislator, she was elected to serve as the secretary of the Gwinnett House Legislative Delegation. In addition to spending time with her large, extended family, Rep. Moore enjoys hiking, attending concerts, playing piano and SCUBA diving.

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LINDA SMITH LOWE HEALTH ADVOCACY AWARD



Dawn Alford

Dawn Alford was the Public Policy Director for the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities from 2013 until her sudden passing in July 2019. In this role, Dawn led advocacy efforts to improve and protect access to quality health care, increase opportunities for accessible education, and expand opportunities for people with disabilities to live full lives in their communities. Dawn was a critical organizing force in Georgia during the 2017 efforts to defend against Congressional efforts to restructure Medicaid and repeal the Affordable Care Act. She annually won additional “waiver slots” at the General Assembly to ensure Georgians with disabilities could live and work independently in their communities. Dawn also contributed to coalition efforts that won flexibility for workers who are also caregivers and improved the financial stability of people with disabilities through tax-exempt savings accounts. Before coming to GCDD, Dawn served as a transition coordinator for Disability Link Northwest in Rome.

Dawn’s accomplishments extend beyond the Georgia Capitol. As a child, Dawn was a poster child for muscular dystrophy and met President Reagan. She was valedictorian of Temple High School in Temple, Georgia and later graduated magna cum laude from Georgia Tech with a chemical engineering degree.

Dawn’s mother Jean will accept the Linda Smith Lowe Health Advocacy Award on Dawn’s behalf.

The Linda Smith Lowe Health Advocacy Award is given each to an advocate whose work advances access to quality, affordable health care in Georgia. This award is named in honor of Linda Smith Lowe who dedicated her career to serving as an advocate on behalf of underserved Georgians who need a voice on health and human services issues.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Jamila Michener, PhD

Twitter: @povertyscholar

Jamila Michener, PhD is a professor in the department of Government at Cornell University. She studies American politics and policy, with a particular focus on the political causes and consequences of poverty and racial inequality. She is author of *Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism and Unequal Politics* (Cambridge University Press). Michener's research has been supported by the Institute for Research on Poverty, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Ford Foundation. Her public writing has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Vox* and the *American Prospect*. Her commentary has appeared on *Wisconsin Public Radio*, *New York Public Radio*, and *Vox*. As an engaged scholar, Michener is co-leader of the Finger Lakes chapter of the Scholars Strategy Network, an organization focused on bringing academic research to policymakers, civil associations, and the media. Michener also sits on the advisory board of the Cornell Prison Education Program and teaches in local correctional facilities. Prior to working at Cornell, she was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar at the University of Michigan. She received her MA and PhD from the University of Chicago and her undergraduate degree from Princeton University.

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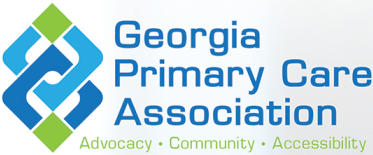
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Harry Heiman and Abby Friedman

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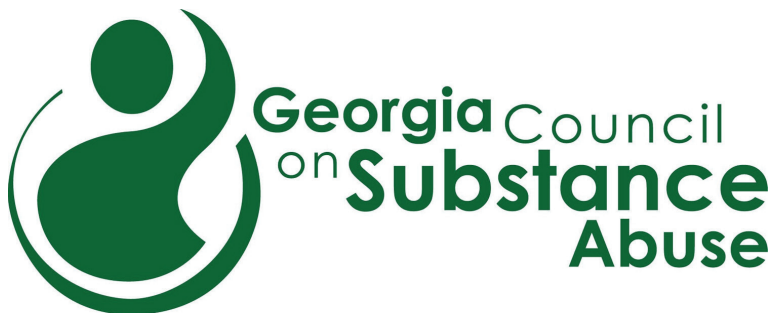
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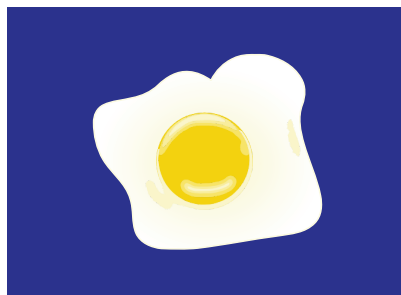
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- 1** Increase the number of Georgians with health insurance
- 2** Stabilize Georgia's health insurance marketplace
- 3** Ensure access to care and financial protections for consumers purchasing private health insurance.
- 4** Set and enforce standards that provide for equitable coverage of mental health and substance use treatment services by health plans.
- 5** Prevent nicotine use and addiction by young Georgians.
- 6** Support partners in integrating health and equity in the policies across every sector to address social determinants of health that prevent equitable access to care and equitable health status



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