ACCG Health and Human Services Policy Committee Meeting

August 12, 2026

Houston County Extension Office – 2030 Kings Chapel Road, Perry, GA 31069

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 pm

Presiding:

Honorable Bud Owens
Committee Chair
Commissioner, Gordon County

Honorable Russell Gray
Committee Vice Chair
Commissioner, Dougherty County

Welcome and Introductions

Presentations:

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) - Invited

Georgia Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) - Invited

2026 Legislative Session Recap:

Legislation that Passed:

- HB 350 – Safe Surrender of Newborns.
- HB 506 – Surprise Billing for Out-of-Network Ambulance Service.
- SB 428 – Authorizes DCH to Submit a Waiver Request to the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- SB 535 – Re-Establishing Community Service Boards Under the Department of Behavioral Health.

Legislation of Interest that Failed to Pass:

- HB 1299 - Rural Hospital Authorities Would Be Allowed to Form Joint Venture Outpatient Healthcare Facilities
- SB 526 - Licensing and Regulation on Recovery Residences

2027 ACCG Policy Priority Discussion:

- Review and Recommend Edits to the Committee's Policy Platform
- HHS Recommendations ACCG's 2027 Policy Priorities

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