



ACCG Health and Human Services Policy Committee Meeting

August 21, 2025

The Tate House: 61 Georgia Marble Rd, Tate, GA 30177

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm

Presiding:

Honorable Bud Owens
Committee Chair
Commissioner, Gordon County

Honorable Russell Gray
Committee Vice-Chair
Commissioner, Dougherty County

Welcome and Introductions

Presentations:

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Georgia EMS Association

Josh Mackey, Government Relations Director

- Mandate Insurance Coverage for Out of Network Ambulance Services
- EMS Medicaid Reimbursement

2:15 p.m. 2:25 p.m.

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Doug Reineke, ACCG Governmental Affairs

- BH Crisis Beds and Forensic Beds Funding
- Community Service Boards Update
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment Funding

2024 Legislative Session Recap:

Legislation that Passed:

- HB 398 – Cottage Food Items
- SB 58 – "Georgia Transporting Life-Saving Organs and Personnel Act"
- SB 132 – Insanity and Mental Incapacity Evaluations
- SB 233 – Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission Update

Legislation that Failed to Pass:

- HB 291 – Certification of Community Health Workers and New Board
- HB 170 – Rural Hospitals – Establish State Grants for Backup Generator

Study Committees:

- SR 311 - Senate Study Committee on Recovery Residences
- HR 753 - House Study Committee on Improving Access to Internal Medicine in Rural Areas

2026 ACCG Policy Priority Discussion:

- Review and Recommend Edits to the Committee's Policy Platform
- HHS Recommendations ACCG's 2026 Policy Priorities