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**Senate Study Committee on Rural Medical Personnel Recruitment**

**TO:** Senate Study Committee on Rural Medical Personnel Recruitment

Sen. Kim Jackson, 41<sup>st</sup> District  
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**FROM:** Sen. Bo Hatchett, 50<sup>th</sup> District, Chair

**SUBJECT:** Senate Study Committee on Rural Medical Personnel Recruitment Meeting Notice

**DATE:** September 6, 2023

**TIME:** 9AM – 3PM

**PLACE:** Northeast Georgia Medical Center Habersham  
The West Wing Classroom  
541 Historic Hwy 441-N  
Demorest, GA 30535

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**AGENDA:**

**Welcome and Overview**

**SPEAKERS: (30 minutes for presentation)**

- Dean Burke, Chief Medical Officer (DCH); Brandy Sylvan, Director of Gov't Relations (DCH); and Nita Ham, Director State Office of Rural Health
- Zachary Taylor M.D S.S, District Health Director, Georgia Dept. of Public Health
- Liz Atkins, Executive Director, Georgia Trauma Commission
- Amy Reeves, PA Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce
- Jimmy Lewis, CEO Hometown Health
- Dr. Thomas L. Hatchett, Jr. M.D. OB/GYN, Northeast Georgia Physician Group
- Diane Poirot, Chief Human Resources Officer, Northeast Georgia Health System; Melissa Rouse Executive Director, Nursing Excellence & Research, Northeast Georgia Health System; and Nicholas Benton, Director, Physician Recruitment, Northeast Georgia Health System
- Lisa Jellum, Dean of Atrium Health Floyd School of Health Sciences at Georgia Highlands College, Georgia Nurses Association
- Chad Black, Chairman Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association

Adjourn & Next Meeting Information

*\*The Chairman reserves the right to change the agenda at his discretion\**

cc:

Honorable Burt Jones, Lt. Governor  
Sen. John F. Kennedy, President Pro Tempore  
Mr. David Cook, Sec. of the Senate  
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