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Governor



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Executive Director

## Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs Fall Training Conference

Country Inn & Suites  
Pineville, Louisiana  
September 18 - 20, 2023

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

#### September 18, 2023

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Registration

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Support Session

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Meet & Greet with GOEA Staff

#### September 19, 2023

7:00 PM – 12:00 PM

Registration

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast (Solarium)

8:15 AM – 10:15 AM

**Opening**

General Session – Fort Randolph Room

**Shirley Merrick** - Executive Director

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

**Mrs. Katina Semien-Smothers, Esq.**, Director

Governor's Office of Community Programs

**Mr. Derek Lee**, Regional Administrator

US Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living, Region VI

Dallas, TX

GOEA Units/Managers

Accounting & Finance Staff (A&F)

Compliance & Planning Staff (C&P)

Home & Community Based Services Staff (HCBS)

Elderly Protective Services

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

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10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Attorney Jane Thomas, Legal Services Developer,  
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs – Title III B  
Legal Boot Camps

11:15 AM – 12:00 AM

Attorney Amanda Smith – GOEA Legal Counsel

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch (Solarium)

**Breakout Sessions**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

A&F – Budgets (Fort Buhlow Room)  
A&F – Field Audits (Beauregard Room)  
HCBS – Policy & Procedures (Rapides Room)  
HCBS – Assessment Training (Veterans Room)

2:30 PM – 2:40 PM

Break with refreshments (Solarium)

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

A&F – Financial Reporting (Fort Buhlow Room)  
HCBS – Taxonomy (Beauregard Room)  
HCBS – ADRC (Rapides Room)

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Support Session

**September 20, 2023**

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast (Solarium)

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

Support Sessions

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Break

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11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Shirley Merrick - Closing