

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – REGION 6

County Board of Health Representative

Recommended by the Georgia Department of Public Health

George Alexander

Board of Health
Coweta County



George Alexander was elected and served on the Newnan City Council from November 2003 to January 2024. As a City Councilman, Alexander was responsible for an annual budget of \$35 million. He prided himself on his shared responsibility for safety of Newnan's 45,000 citizens as well as setting and implementing policy for the city. He also served on the Newnan Planning Commission from 1989-2003, including ten years as its elected Chairman.

He was born in El Paso, Texas and as the son of an Air Force Colonel, he lived throughout the United States. He has resided in the Greenville Street Historic District for 39 years. He is a retired Delta Pilot with 35 years of service.

He is a 1976 graduate of Texas A&M where he attended on a four-year Navy Scholarship. He earned a BBA in Business Management. He served in the United States Navy for 25 years in active and reserve roles as a Naval Officer and as a Fighter Pilot flying on and off aircraft carriers. He is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Post Graduate School, the Naval War College, and the Air War College. George has been an Eagle Scout since 1967.

Alexander is active in his community, including having served as a distinguished past president of the Newnan Kiwanis Club and a current Board of Directors member, a Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) Board member, a life member of the VFW and American Legion, a District Chairman for the Coweta County Boy Scouts and Eagle Scout Board of Review member, a past Board member of the Summit Family YMCA, a past Board member for the Newnan Boys and Girls Club, a past Board member and Chairman for the University of West Georgia, Newnan Campus. He also has completed 315 hours of continuing education training for the Georgia Municipal Association – earning a Certificate of Dedication – an achievement earned by only 1% of all State of Georgia City Elected Officials.

Community Service Board Representative

Recommended by the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards

Angela Holt

Chief Executive Officer

Middle Flint Community Service Board / Middle Flint Health & Wellness

(serving Crawford, Crisp, Dooly, Houston, Macon, Marion, Peach, Schley, Sumter, Taylor and Webster counties)



Angela Holt has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Middle Flint Health & Wellness since 2020. She has worked for Middle Flint Health & Wellness for over 18 years serving in many capacities, including Medical Records Clerk at the Americus Outpatient Clinic, Administrative Assistant for an Executive Staff member and Operations Analyst/Statistical Technician position in the Utilization Management department. She was then transitioned to the position of Director of Information Technology/Management of Information Systems (IT/MIS), Total Quality Management (TQM), and Utilization Management (UM) Coordinator.

In 2014, the Bridge Services Unit was formed. The intent was to develop a unit that bridges direct service units with the administrative and financial units. In this department, Holt was responsible for the IT/MIS, UM as well as quality assurance and risk management functions. In 2017, she was promoted to Chief Operations Officer and assisted in the acquisition of Phoenix Health Behavioral Services which provided services to Houston, Peach, and Crawford counties. This brought Middle Flint from being an eight-county community service board to being the safety net provider for eleven counties.

Holt was born and raised in Americus, Georgia but spent 10 years serving in the U.S. Air Force as a Munitions Systems Craftsman. During her career in the Air Force, she attended Air Force Leadership School and was inducted as a Noncommissioned Officer in the grade of Staff Sergeant, on February 1, 1999. She also received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Serving as Chief Munitions Control Officer on December 29, 1999. After an honorable discharge, Angela moved back to Americus in 2000 and was hired at Middle Flint Health and Wellness in 2003. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia Southwestern State University and an MBA – Executive Option from the University of North Alabama.

Sheriff's Office Representative

Recommended by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Billy Hancock

Sheriff

Crisp County



Billy Hancock is a 47-year veteran of public safety. He is serving his tenth year as Crisp County Sheriff. He also is the Emergency Management Director for Crisp County. He served 14 years as Deputy Director and 19 years as the Chief Deputy before being elected as Sheriff. He began his career as an Emergency Medical Technician in 1977. In 1979, he was sworn in as a part time deputy with Crisp County. He later graduated with the 57th Georgia State Patrol Academy. During this time was stationed at various locations throughout the state.

Hancock is an avid public speaker. His topics vary from education to motivation. He has lectured throughout the United States and Canada on various law enforcement topics for the Drug Enforcement Administration and St. Petersburg Junior College.

Hancock is a graduate of Moultrie Technical College EMS program, the 57th Georgia State Patrol Academy and has a Master Certificate in Emergency Management. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Columbia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Homeland Security and a minor in Criminal Justice. He has earned multiple instructor certifications for various specialty courses pertaining to law enforcement.

University System

Dr. Rhonda Slocumb

College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Georgia Southwestern State University (Sumter County)



Dr. Rhonda Slocumb serves as a faculty member at Georgia Southwestern University College of Nursing and Health Sciences. In addition to teaching courses each semester, she also works as needed as a registered nurse on the in-patient behavioral health floor and provide nursing care for patients receiving short-term behavioral health treatment for Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany Georgia. In addition, she also works as a sexual assault nurse examiner for the Southwest Georgia Judicial Circuit. In past concurrent positions, she has worked as needed on a medical-surgical unit, urology surgical unit, as a weekend supervisor in long-term care.

Dr. Slocumb holds a PhD in Nursing Philosophy from Mercer University, an MSN in Nursing Education from Clayton State University, a BSN in Nursing from Georgia Southwestern State University, an MPH in Public Health from Mercer University, and a BS in Chemistry from Georgia Southwestern State University.

Provider

Recommended by the Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia

George Coley

Co-Founder
Brightstar Healthcare Group (Henry County)



George Coley is a dedicated professional with 25 years of experience in business. Serving in various roles, he directed multimillion dollar campaigns, and collaborated with professional organizations such as the NBA, NCAA, and D-1/D-2 Colleges. In 2015, George was impacted when he visited his first Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). This experience would eventually lead George to explore opening centers of his own. Today, Coley is the owner of two centers serving the opioid use disorder community. He serves as American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD) Board of Directors and as Vice President on the Board of the Opioid Treatment Providers of Georgia (OTPG).

Lived Experience

Recommended by the Georgia Council for Recovery

Hank Arnold

Director

Coweta FORCE (Coweta County)



Hank Arnold is the Founder and Director of Coweta FORCE, an Addiction Recovery Support Center located in downtown Newnan, Georgia. The organization exists to provide recovery support services in the community for individuals and family members impacted by addiction.

Arnold began his own personal journey of recovery in January of 2010 which fed his passion and purpose to work with others in the darkness of addiction. Arnold began his career in the field of recovery from substance use in 2012 at Talbott Recovery Campus and became CARES certified, while pursuing an education in addiction counseling. Arnold completed his clinical internship with McIntosh Trail Behavioral Health Center in 2013 and became fully certified in 2014. He also is a Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES) and Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor.

Judiciary

Recommended by the Georgia Council of Accountability Court Judges

Maureen Gottfried

Judge

Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit Superior Courts

(serving Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Talbot and Taylor counties)



Judge Maureen Gottfried is a 1986 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. She started her legal career in the Muscogee County Solicitor General's office, first as Chief Assistant, and then, in 1993, as the Solicitor General.

In 1995, she was appointed to the State Court of Muscogee County by Governor Zell Miller. In 2014, Governor Nathan Deal appointed her as the seventh judge for the Superior Court of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. She took over as the Muscogee County Adult Drug Court judge in January of 2018.

Judge Gottfried has served on the Council of Accountability Court Judges Executive Board and various committees. Beginning in July of 2024, she will be the Administrative Judge for the Third Judicial Administrative District.