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Executive Director

## Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs Fall 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

Technical Support Sessions

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Meet & Greet with GOEA Staff

#### **September 19, 2023**

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast (Solarium Room)

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

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10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 AM – 12:00PM

**Attorney Jane Thomas**, Legal Services Developer,  
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs – Title III B  
Legal and Legal Boot Camps  
**Jason D. Asbill, Esq.**, Executive Director  
Louisiana Guardianship Services, Inc.  
**Attorney Amanda Smith** – GOEA Legal Counsel

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch (Solarium Room)

**Breakout Sessions**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

A&F – Budgets (Red River Room)  
A&F – Field Audits (Solarium Room)  
HCBS – Policy & Procedures (Rapides Room)  
HCBS – Assessment Training (Veterans Room)

2:30 PM – 2:40 PM

Refreshments

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

A&F – Financial Reporting (Red River Room)  
A&F- Budget (Solarium Room)  
HCBS – Taxonomy (Rapides Room)  
HCBS – ADRC (Veterans Room)

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Technical Support Sessions

**September 20, 2023**

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast (Solarium Room)

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

Technical Support Sessions

**Breakout Sessions**

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

A&F – Budgets (Red River Room)  
A&F – Field Audits (Solarium Room)  
HCBS – Policy & Procedures (Rapides Room)  
HCBS – Assessment Training (Veterans Room)

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10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

A&F – Financial Reporting (Red River Room)  
A& F (Solarium Room)  
HCBS – Taxonomy (Rapides Room)  
HCBS – ADRC (Veterans Room)

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Shirley Merrick - Closing