

GCLEA Agenda

Date: October 17, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM

Public Comment

- Open floor for community or stakeholder input
- Announcements and upcoming events
 - Lupus Empowerment Conference – October 18, 2025
 - Casino Night of Hope – November 14, 2025

Administrative

- Welcome and introductions
- Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
- Confirm posting of meeting notices and records on GCLEA and DPH websites
- Administrative updates
 - DCH: fiscal agent (LFA-GA)
 - DPH: personnel support and Emory contract

Rural Georgia Initiatives

Telehealth

- Update on Dougherty County telemedicine pilot and site visit planning
- Discussion: lunch and learn event proposal for local support groups
- Coordinator hire – consultant coordination support update

Patient Navigator Program

- Follow-up on LFA-GA patient navigator health update
- Proposal to invite navigators to future GCLEA meetings

Research and Data Analysis

Epidemiology Project

- Update on lupus case abstraction and data from South Georgia

- Current case counts and definitions

BRFSS

- Clarification on funding and question cost structure
- Update on integration with DCH and DPH budget

Challenges and Solutions

Rural Hospital Collaboration

- Barriers to hospital engagement and data access
- Action items: meetings with hospital staff and legislative outreach

Legislative and Funding Updates

- CDC notice of award and continued funding
- Review of ongoing grant support and legislative partnerships

Future Planning

GCLEA Workshop

- Planning for next workshop (by May 30, 2026)
- Coordination with LFA-GA event
- Incorporate Action Plan updates and collaborative engagement

Website & Communications

- Update on website development progress
- Council member contributions (projects, research highlights, grants)

State Plan

- Discussion: 2017 State Plan update and next steps

Advocacy and Outreach

- Updates from Washington, DC, and LFA-GA
- New partnerships and collaboration opportunities

New and Other Items

- Open discussion

Next Steps & Assignments

- Review of action items
- Next meeting: **November 21, 2025 at 8:00 AM**