Agenda

• Call to order
Cynthia Mercer, M.D., Board Chair

• Roll Call
Robert Harshman, M.D., Board Secretary

• Approval/Adoption of Minutes
Robert Harshman, M.D., Board Secretary

• Commissioner’s Update
J. Patrick O’Neal, M.D., Commissioner
Budget Update

Kisha Wesley, MPA/Deputy Chief Financial Officer
DPH Initiatives

- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
- Cardiac Care
- Early Brain Development
- Maternal Mortality
- Academic Health Department
## Amended Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

### Program Changes:
- Increase funds for the Office of Cardiac Care pursuant to Senate Bill 102 (2017 Session) | $193,500
- Increase funds for the prescription drug monitoring program pursuant to House Bill 249 (2017 session) | $582,892
- Utilize $159,105 in existing funds for telehealth infrastructure and one program support coordinator position to provide behavioral health services to children under 21 who are diagnosed as autistic

**Total Program Changes** | $776,392

### Statewide Changes:
- Adjustment in agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self-insurance programs | $83,844
- Reflect adjustment in merit system assessments | $(20,283)
- Reflect adjustment in cyber insurance premiums | $(79,077)

**Total Statewide Changes:** | $(15,516)

**Department of Public Health Total** | $760,876
Amended Fiscal Year 2018 DPH Budget

Total Funds: $664,429,642*

- Federal Funds: $395,951,809 (60%)
- State General Funds: $244,602,161 (37%)
- Tobacco Funds: $13,717,860 (2%)
- Other Funds: $10,157,812 (1%)

*Attached agencies not included
- Georgia Trauma Commission - $21,760,159
- Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund - $1,422,131

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
## Fiscal Year 2019 Budget – DPH Programs

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<td>Increase funds for the prescription drug monitoring program pursuant to House Bill 249 (2017 session)</td>
<td>$ 626,545</td>
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<td>Increase funds for the Office of Cardiac Care pursuant to Senate Bill 102 (2017 Session)</td>
<td>$ 355,406</td>
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<td>Provide funds to develop capacity for children under 21 who are diagnosed as autistic</td>
<td>$ 100,000</td>
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<td>Utilize $50,700 in existing funds for one program support coordinator position for children under 21 who are diagnosed as autistic</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Provide funds to increase the occupational, speech, and physical therapy rates in the Babies Can't Wait Program</td>
<td>$ 1,103,716</td>
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<td>Eliminate one-time funds for the evaluation of maternal mortality</td>
<td>$ (100,000)</td>
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<td>Provide funds to address maternal mortality in Georgia</td>
<td>$ 2,000,000</td>
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<td>Provide funds for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia for sickle cell outreach offices to improve access to care and reduce unnecessary emergency room costs</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
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<td>Provide fund for the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium to fund the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Educating (CORE) and the five regional cancer coalitions (RCC)</td>
<td>$887,500</td>
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<td>Provide funds to implement the Diabetes Prevention Program in the five counties with the highest need</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
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<td>Increase in funding to reflect FMAP decrease from 68.50% to 67.62%</td>
<td>$328,975</td>
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<td>Provides funds for the Grady Infectious Disease Program to support retention in care efforts for patients with HIV/AIDS</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<td>Provide funds to improve perinatal hepatitis C surveillance, linkage to care, and testing to address the statewide increase of the hepatitis C virus due to the opioid epidemic</td>
<td>$215,700</td>
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<td>Provide funds to reinstate 10 regional Emergency Medical Services training positions.</td>
<td>$979,591</td>
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<td>Add funds for the Georgia Commission on Women as authorized under O.C.G.A. 50-12-80 for operations</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total DPH Program Changes</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,195,888</strong></td>
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## Fiscal Year 2019 Budget – Statewide Changes

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<td>Adjustment in agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services</td>
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<td>Reflect adjustment in merit system assessments</td>
<td>$(2,009)</td>
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<td>Reflect adjustment in cyber insurance premiums</td>
<td>$(96,515)</td>
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<td>Reflect adjustment in TeamWorks billings</td>
<td>$(113,299)</td>
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<td>Reflect adjustment in the employer share of the TRS System from 16.81%</td>
<td>$3,258</td>
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<td>to 20.90%</td>
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<td>Adjust billings for unemployment insurance to reflect updated claims</td>
<td>$101,337</td>
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<td><strong>Total Statewide Changes:</strong></td>
<td>$(250,713)</td>
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**Department of Public Health Total** | $5,945,175 |
Fiscal Year 2019 DPH Budget

Total Funds: $670,240,486*

- Federal Funds: $395,951,809 (59%)
- State General Funds: $250,413,005 (37%)
- Tobacco Funds: $18,717,860 (2%)
- Other Funds: $10,157,812 (2%)

*Attached agencies not included
  - Georgia Trauma Commission: $16,744,079
  - Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund: $1,445,857
Questions?
Georgia PDMP and Opioid Strategic Plan

Sheila Pierce/ Director, Prescription Drug Management Program
Program Updates

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
• PDMP Registration status
• Remaining 2017 Legislative Mandates
• PDMP “How-To” information for prescribers
• Annual PDMP Report

Statewide Opioid Strategic Plan
• First Draft
• Outreach efforts to involve stakeholders
• 2nd Strategic Plan Stakeholders Meeting - August 21, 2018
• CDC Grant Deliverable – September 2018
Dietetic Internship Program

Rhonda Tankersley, MPH, RD, LD/Georgia WIC
Dietetic Internship Program Background

- Established in 1992
- Pathway to the registered dietitian (RD) credential
- Accredited by the Accreditation Council on Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
- Ten (10) Standards of Accreditation
- Self-study report was submitted December 2016
- Onsite accreditation visit took place March 2017
Workforce Development

• Program promotion and outreach to undergraduate didactic programs in dietetics (DPD) in:
  - Georgia, North Florida, East Alabama, South Tennessee and Western North and South Carolina

• Recruitment of entry level nutritionists to provide direct care services to Georgia WIC participants throughout the 159 counties and 204 health departments
Access to WIC Dietetic Internship Program

- Georgia WIC employee with required education
- 1 year of full time work in the Georgia WIC Program
- Support of the District Health and Nutrition Services Directors
- Letters of recommendation
- Satisfactory performance management evaluation
- Application and interview
Internship Curriculum

• The internship provides 1200+ hours of supervised practice in nutrition and dietetics
• Achievement of 42 competencies across 4 domains and a community nutrition emphasis
• Practice areas:
  o Community
  o School nutrition and food service
  o Clinical
Internship Outcomes

Percent of Graduates Passing the RD Exam within 12 months of Program Completion

- 2013: 33%
- 2014: 90%
- 2015: 92%
- 2016: 100%
- 2017: 82%
Internship Outcomes

• 30+ registered dietitian graduates currently working in Georgia WIC
• The program maintains an average long term (more than 5 years) retention of 50%
• 9 of 18 District Nutrition Services Directors are DPH WIC Dietetic Internship graduates
• 4 of 9 RD employees in the State WIC Office are DPH WIC Dietetic Internship graduates
Challenges

• Beginning January 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration will require a completed graduate degree prior to the registered dietitian exam
• A limited number of internship eligible nutritionists currently have a master’s degree
• Financial barriers may be a barrier to graduate programs for internship eligible nutritionist
Opportunity

• Explore partnerships with graduate programs
  o Georgia State
    o Public health nutrition emphasis programs
• Explore and implement support for entry level nutritionists to obtain a graduate degree prior to or during the internship program
Josefina Arvizu-Villela

“I came to this country when I was 20 years old and I did not speak any English. The day I passed my exam was one of the best days of my life.”
Ryan Saccucci

“I can honestly say that the DPH WIC DI is one of the best things that ever happened to me, and it has provided the stepping stone in my life for where I am today.”
Cardiac Care Program Updates

- Rules and Regulations
- Patient Registries
- Importance of Data
- Protocols
- Designations
- Staff
Cardiac Care Rules and Regulations

Rule 511-9-2-.04. Designation of Specialty Care Centers

• Paragraph 3 = Emergency Cardiac Care Centers
  o Allows for designation of centers
  o Released for public comment December 2017
  o Became effective 2/13/2018

• Paragraph 4 = Confidentiality
  o Keeps EMS and hospital data confidential
  o Released for public comment 4/2018
EMS Related Patient Registries

• Registries currently in place in Georgia:
  • EMS Registry
  • Trauma Registry
  • Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry

• New Registries called for by SB102:
  • Out-of-hospital Cardiac Arrest (GA-CARES)
  • Georgia STEMI Registry
If you can’t MEASURE it
you can’t MANAGE it.
Cardiac Care Registries

- GEMSIS (EMS)
  - Hospital Outcomes
  - Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (GA-CARES)
  - Georgia Cardiac Registry
- Cardiac Hospital
  - Direct Entry
  - ACTION
- Cardiac Hospital
  - GEMSIS (EMS)
- Cardiac Hospital
  - GWTG
- Georgia STEMI Registry
Cardiac Care Data

• Updates to Georgia EMS Information System (GEMSIS) to allow for CARES data
• Implementing rules to increase data validity
• EMS Data Dictionary
  o Field providers
  o Agency staff
  o EMS Students
• Presentations at various EMS conferences
Cardiac Care Protocols
Designation Application/Documents

Per O.C.G.A. § 31-11-132 and DPH Rule 511-9-2-.04, the Office of Cardiac Care will create:

- Application for designation as an Emergency Cardiac Care Center
- Designation Criteria/Checklists for hospital preparation and site visitor use.
- Data reporting requirements and required reporting measures
- Model transfer agreements for patients requiring higher levels of care:
  - From Level III hospitals to both Level I & Level II hospitals
  - From Level II to Level I hospitals
Cardiac Care Program Staffing

Additional funding secured for AFY18 and FY19

• Current staff:
  o Cardiac Care Registrar

• Additional staff CY18:
  o Cardiac Care Program Director
  o Cardiac Care Admin Assistant

• Future staff
  o Cardiac Epidemiologist
Questions?
Cynthia Mercer, M.D., Board Chair
The next Board of Public Health meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 @ 1 p.m.

To be added to the notification list for upcoming meetings, e-mail: huriyyah.lewis@dph.ga.gov