



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Public Health Service Act, Section 1905 (c) 1-2; 42 USC 6A, section 300w-4 (c) (1-2), the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health is required to give public notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed state plan for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant "PHHSBG" and/or notice and opportunity to comment upon revisions to the plan during the fiscal year.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Effective on date August 4, 2009, the allocation to Georgia for award period 10/01/2008 through 09/30/2010 was increased from \$2,983,439 to \$3,122,880, and increase of over \$139,000 which will be utilized to support a full-time coordinator position for grants management and program oversight.

Effective as of January 2009, the national planning committee for PHHSBG recommended and approved the new strategic direction and national goals for the grant. The new direction was established to strengthen the grant, examine support for sustainability and expansion, and improve accountability and innovation. The new goals include:

1. Achieving healthy equity and eliminating health disparities due to chronic diseases and injuries focusing on the leading preventable risk factors;
2. Decrease premature death and disabilities due to chronic disease and injuries by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors;
3. Support local health programs, systems and policies to achieve healthy communities; and
4. Provide opportunities to address emerging health issues and gaps.

Program assessments will be completed before June 2010 and a determination of changes required for the purpose of developing new program strategies and implementing the new impact objectives to align with the newly recommended national direction and goals.

This public notice and the PHHSBG Work Plan FFY 2010 are available for review at the Georgia Division of Public Health office at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 15th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **February 24, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 657-3140. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **February 24, 2010**, addressed to the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health, Office of State Operations, 2 Peachtree Street, Rm 10.398, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 or by email to Rhonda Page at dphgrants@dhr.state.ga.us.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public on February 28, 2010 at the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 15.300, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Preventive Health and Health Services Advisory Committee. The Committee will consider all public comments on the proposed changes to the State Plan. The Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Rm 15.300, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 16th day of February, 2010

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