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Commissioner Appoints New Staff to Steer DCH Communications

ATLANTA – Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), announced the appointment of three key Communications staff. Amanda D. Seals will serve as Director of Communications, Lisa Marie Kuczarski has been named Deputy Director of Communications and Dena' Brummer will be the agency's Press Secretary.

"Communication will be the key to our success. I am pleased to announce the appointment of these three professionals who bring a variety of communications expertise to the table," Dr. Medows said. "Their knowledge of policy, commitment to expanding communications with the public, and relationships with the press will help further the health care mission of the Department and the Perdue Administration."

Prior to joining DCH, Mrs. Seals served as Chief of Staff to the Georgia Senate President Pro Tempore. From 1999 to 2002, she was the Director of Communications for the state Department of Education. She also served as Director of the Senate Press Office and as Press Assistant to former Governor Zell Miller.

A native of Marietta, Ga., Mrs. Seals holds an Associate of Arts degree in Journalism from Young Harris College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Media Communication from Kennesaw State University. She and her husband, Paul, reside in Marietta, Ga.

Ms. Kuczarski has served as a Senior Director of Marketing for Premiere Global Services and an Account Executive for Text 100. She also served as a Marketing Coordinator for LeChase Construction, LLC, in Rochester, N.Y.

Ms. Kuczarski holds a Bachelor of Arts, History and Communications/Journalism from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y. She is a native of Buffalo, N.Y. and currently resides in Smyrna, Ga.

Mrs. Brummer has most recently served the Georgia Office of Homeland Security – Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) as a Communications Analyst. She has also worked as a research/public affairs assistant for the Institute for Public Administration in Newark, Del. Her background also includes public affairs specialist positions with The National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mrs. Brummer also served as a business reporter with the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Brummer holds a Masters of Public Administration in Crisis Communications from the University of Delaware and a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Media Arts from Clark Atlanta University. She and her husband, Craig, currently reside in Smyrna, Ga.

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HEALTHY behaviors and improved health outcomes