

A SNAPSHOT OF THE

GEORGIA HEALTH EQUITY INITIATIVE

Overview

The Georgia Health Equity Initiative is a comprehensive long-term effort aimed at reducing racial/ethnic inequalities in health care across the state.

The Initiative has three phases:

Phase 1: Release of the *Health Disparities Report 2008: A County-Level Look at Health Outcomes for Minorities in Georgia*

Phase 2: A statewide series of “Community Conversations” (town hall meetings) to discuss the report findings and engage the public for feedback

Phase 3: The Georgia Health Equity Grant Program



The Report

Health Disparities Report 2008: A County-Level Look at Health Outcomes for Minorities in Georgia provides an account of the status of Georgia’s minority populations by county. The report aims to provide health policy makers, health care advocates and communities with a picture of health status indicators in their respective counties. To communicate the report results, the Office of Minority Health will host a series of “Community Conversations” across the state in May and June.

The Grant Program

The Georgia Office of Health Improvement (OHI) developed the Georgia Health Equity Grant Program to reduce and eliminate health disparities in Georgia. This statewide program provides matching grants to community based groups and organizations that address illnesses and conditions that have the biggest incidence and extreme disease burden on Georgia’s minority populations. Grant awards will range from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Public, private and community-based organizations, can apply by submitting applications in response to Request for Applications that will be advertised on the DCH Web site: www.dch.ga.gov.

To communicate the report results, the OHI will host “Community Conversations,” a series of town hall meetings.

For additional information regarding the grant program, please Dana Greer, Director of Procurement at dgreer@dch.gov or 404-651-7987. Questions regarding other Office of Health Improvement programs and initiatives should be directed to James Peoples, Executive Director at 404-463-4013.

