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VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR (VDT) COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION
PROGRAM GRANT**

SECOND WIND DREAMS, INC. #16060G

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AGENCY BACKGROUND	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 and has the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia, maximizing the State's health care purchasing power, coordinating health planning for State agencies and proposing cost-effective solutions for reducing the number of uninsured. Within DCH, the Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD) is responsible for health care planning, licensing, certification and oversight of various health care facilities and services in Georgia. The division was created in 2009 as a result of the passage of two laws, HB 228 (2009) and SB 433 (2008). These laws transferred functions previously performed by the Office of Regulatory Services to DCH in 2009.</p> <p>In 2011, the division also became responsible for providing direction for the Certificate of Need (CON) program in recognition of the value of integrating the administration of health planning with health care regulation.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) collects fines or civil monetary penalties (CMP) which are Georgia's (GA) Medicaid portion of penalties assessed in CMP agreements between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and penalized nursing homes. Monies collected by CMS are transmitted to and kept in a fund managed by Georgia. CMP funds may be used by GA for any project that directly benefits facility residents in accordance with regulations. Project categories are as follows: direct improvement to quality of care; resident or family councils, culture change/quality of life; consumer information; transition preparation; training; and resident transition due to facility closure or downsizing. CMS has approval authority for the use of all civil money penalty funds proposed by GA and/or directly by CMS.</p> <p>HFRD manages licenses, monitors and inspects a variety of facilities and services including hospitals, assisted living facilities, personal home care homes and nursing homes facilities. The division investigates complaints and inspects health care facilities within Georgia.</p>
RENEWAL AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The CMS - CMP Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) Comprehensive Education Program Grant was created to assist nursing home staff with identifying with dementia residents in an effort to improve care.</p> <p>The Georgia Department of Community Health has renewed the CMS - CMP Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) Comprehensive Education Program Grant under the same terms, conditions and the price in effect at the time of renewal in the amount of \$932,502.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Second Wind Dreams, Inc. will provide hands on experiential training through the use of the patented virtual dementia tour (VDT). VDT is a scientifically proven method of building a greater understanding of dementia through the use of patented sensory tools and instruction.</p>
RENEWAL AWARD AMOUNT	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$932,502.00