

DCH Team,

June has been a very busy time for the agency. Not only does it mark the end of the fiscal year, but it also means we're preparing to implement legislation from this past session, most of which will go into effect on July 1.

One of those bills, HB 1339, is a significant piece that includes multiple updates to the Certificate of Need program and establishes a commission to explore ways to improve access to healthcare for the uninsured. I'd like to thank Melanie Simon, Brandy Sylvan, Brian Annino, Stacey Hillock, Karesha Berkeley Laing, Jesse Cox and the rest of the Office of Health Planning team for their input regarding this legislation.



I am proud of all that we have accomplished in this fiscal year. Our dedicated teams continue to do what we're charged to do – work collaboratively to ensure Georgians have access to quality and equitable health care, and that care facilities are held to a high standard of compliance. Over the past year, we supported funding mechanisms in rural Georgia to further support healthcare infrastructures. We continue to bring to life innovative solutions such as the Medicaid Enterprise Systems Transformation (MEST) being overseen by Matt Jarrard in the Office of Information Technology to replace the legacy GAMMIS technology and operations for Medicaid, and excitedly welcomed the implementation of Enterprise Analytics Solution for Everyone (EASE) through Daphanie Keit and the Office of Analytics and Program Improvement to manage our own data warehouse and health data analytics. We rose to the challenge of federal Medicaid redeterminations while simultaneously launching Governor Kemp's Georgia Pathways to Coverage. These are just a few of the agency's accomplishments made possible through teamwork, external assistance from our vendors, and support from the Governor's Office.

We still have a lot to do, but take a moment to pat yourselves on the back, or congratulate a colleague on a job well-done in FY24. I sincerely appreciate all of you for staying the course, and helping the Department end its fiscal year on a high note.

As I close, I want you to keep the upcoming townhall meeting top of mind. It's taking place on Monday, July 1 from 10 a.m. – noon in the DCH Boardroom. You'll continue to hear more about it and I hope that you will make every effort to join. We will share important agency updates that matter to everyone within this agency. I look forward to seeing you there.

As always, thanks for all you do, and thanks for a phenomenal year.

Sincerely,

