



# Governor's Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

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# Creation of OHSC

- The Office of Health Strategy and Coordination (OHSC) was established after passage of House Bill 186 (2019 Session)
- Governor Kemp appointed a Director in June 2021, and OHSC now consists of four full time staff
- OHSC operates as a Division of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
- OHSC connects government agencies, health care providers, and health care consumers while also promoting healthcare policies that increase access and quality to affordable care



# Powers and Duties

- Strengthen and support the health care infrastructure of the state through interconnecting health functions and sharing resources across multiple state agencies and overcoming barriers to the coordination of health functions
- Facilitate collaboration and coordination between state agencies, coordinating state health functions and programs, serving as a forum for identifying Georgia's specific health issues of greatest concern, and promoting cooperation from both public and private agencies to test new and innovative ideas
- Advise the Governor's Office on all healthcare policy issues; including healthcare workforce issues



- *Nursing workforce shortage issues exacerbated in part by the pandemic. Some potential solutions include re-examining degree program and supervisory requirements, loan repayment options, and college and career academy pathways to improve the pipeline.*
- **Collection and Reporting of Data**
  - OHSC also received funding in the FY2023 budget to support the collection and reporting of nursing data from individual licensed nurses and nursing schools within the state
  - Working with the Georgia Board of Nursing and the Secretary of State's Office to determine what data is already collected through surveys administered as part of the licensing process, evaluating the data that the GBHCW already reports, and if additional data could potentially be collected to help better inform state policymakers on workforce recruitment and retention efforts



# Workforce Initiatives over Year One of OHSC

- Considerations for adding and credentialing additional provider types
- Evaluating existing Board rules and existing licensing requirements (IE, supervisory requirements and ratios, degree program requirements, etc.)
- Working with all agencies to help address administrative challenges for providers
- Education programs and career pathways



# Looking Ahead

- OHSC looks forward to collaborating with and supporting the work of the Healthcare Workforce Commission in the coming months to develop meaningful recommendations to bolster healthcare workforce recruitment and retention efforts in the State of Georgia
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# Thank You!