



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY, CENTER FOR CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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AGENCY BACKGROUND

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 to serve as the lead agency for health care planning and purchasing issues in Georgia. DCH is the single state agency for Medicaid and insures 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.

In the 2008 Legislative Session SB433 was passed mandating that several of the facility licensure functions that were part of the Department of Human Resources (DHR) Office of Regulatory Services (ORS) move to DCH on July 1, 2009. Additionally, in the 2009 Legislative Session, HB228 moved additional functions related to health care facilities from DHR to DCH. On July 1, 2009, DCH created the Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) Division as a program within the department.

Within DCH, the HFR strives to ensure that residents and patients are protected from harm, and that services are provided in a safe and secure environment. The HFR mission is to protect the residents of Georgia by ensuring the highest quality of health care and safety through professional standards regulation. To achieve its mission, HFR inspects, monitors, licenses, registers and certifies a variety of health and long-term care facilities. HFR works to make certain that facilities operate at levels mandated by state statutes and by rules/regulations adopted by the Board of DCH. In addition HFR also receives complaints against licensed facilities, investigates unlicensed facilities, and follows up on quality-of-care issues. The division certifies various health care facilities to receive Medicaid and Medicare funds through contracts and agreements with other state and federal agencies.

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Long-term care (LTC) is a variety of services that includes medical and non-medical care to people who have a chronic illness or disability. Long-term care helps meet health or personal needs. Most long-term care is to assist people with support services such as activities of daily living like dressing, bathing, and using the bathroom. Long-term care can be provided at home, in the community, in assisted living or in nursing homes.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This direct award provides funds to research options for independent dispute resolution activity in Long-term care the outcome of which may be used as a best practice to share with other states.

AWARD JUSTIFICATION

The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award **Kennesaw State University, Center for Conflict Management** a grant in the amount of \$12,500 to research options for independent dispute resolution activity in Long Term care. DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that **Kennesaw State University, Center for Conflict Management** was named in the grant application.

AWARD(S)

TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$ \$12,500.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Kristal Y. Thompson – Black, Grant Administrator at kblack@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, October 4, 2010, 2010