



2008 Health and Human Services Task Force



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Public Health Commission Meeting
September 13, 2010



Health and Human Services Task Force

Task Force Members

The Task Force was comprised of nine members:

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| 1. Jim Lientz | COO, Governor's Office |
| 2. Tommy Hills | CFO, Governor's Office |
| 3. Hannah Heck | Governor's Policy Director |
| 4. Josh Belinfante | Governor's Executive Counsel |
| 5. Trey Childress | Director, OPB |
| 6. Senator Jack Hill | State Senate |
| 7. Senator Renee Untermann | State Senate |
| 8. Representative Ben Harbin | House of Representatives |
| 9. Representative Mark Butler | House of Representatives |

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Guiding Principles

- Do no harm
- Customers come first
- Live within existing resources

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Background

- The Governmental Reorganization Act of 1972 created DHR by consolidating into one agency the:
 - Department of Public Health, including mental health and hospitals
 - Department of Family and Children Services
 - State Board for Children and Youth, including juvenile justice services
 - State Commission on Aging
 - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation from the Department of Education, and included the Georgia Factory for the Blind and Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute

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Reasons To Restructure

- Significant changes to state demographics and human service needs
- Align functions to best meet the state's strategic goals
- Improve scope of responsibility and functional alignment
- Focusing the lens of improvement on some specific challenges like mental health and public health
- Improving fiscal accountability and executive and legislative oversight of health and human services

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February 8, 2008 Executive Order

Recommend:

- A plan to provide the most efficient and effective delivery system
- A structure that emphasizes the importance of a coordinated and integrated health delivery and prevention service
- A structure that will provide the best means to protect Georgia's children
- Whether to combine, consolidate, or separate divisions within at least DHR, DCH, and State Personnel Administration

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Task Force Process

- February 8, 2008
 - Executive Order
- February to July 2008
 - Staff and Taskforce Meetings
- August 2008
 - Interim Report Issued
- Fall 2008
 - October 1 and November 20 Public Hearings
 - Internal contingency planning
 - DHR Administrative budget analysis
- 2009 Session – HB 228
- July 1, 2009 – Implementation

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Other States

- No one organizational arrangement of health and human services is common among the 50 states.

Multiple Agencies

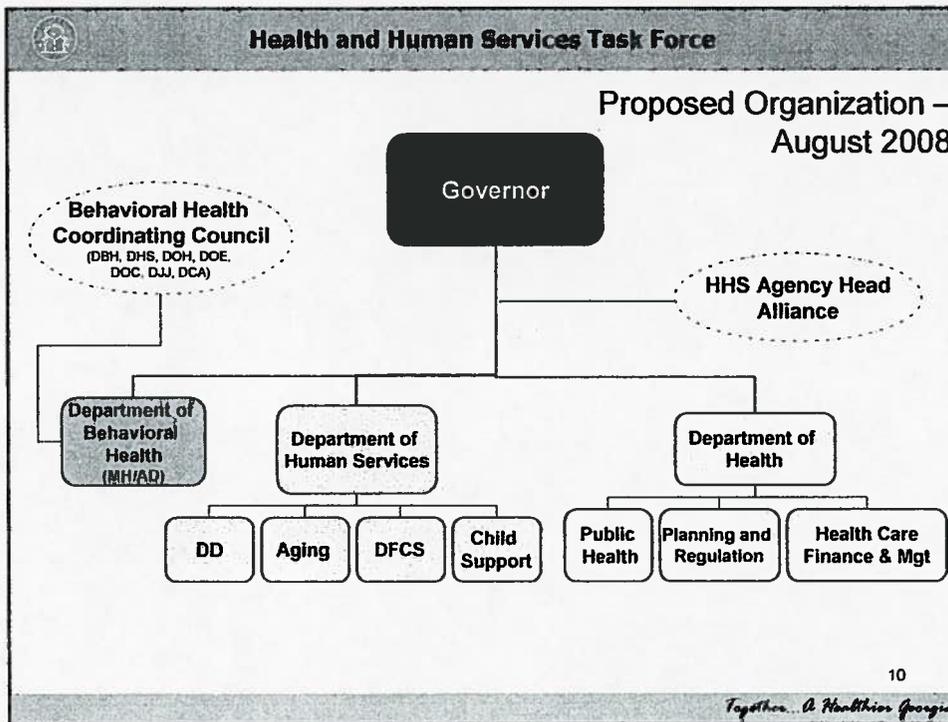
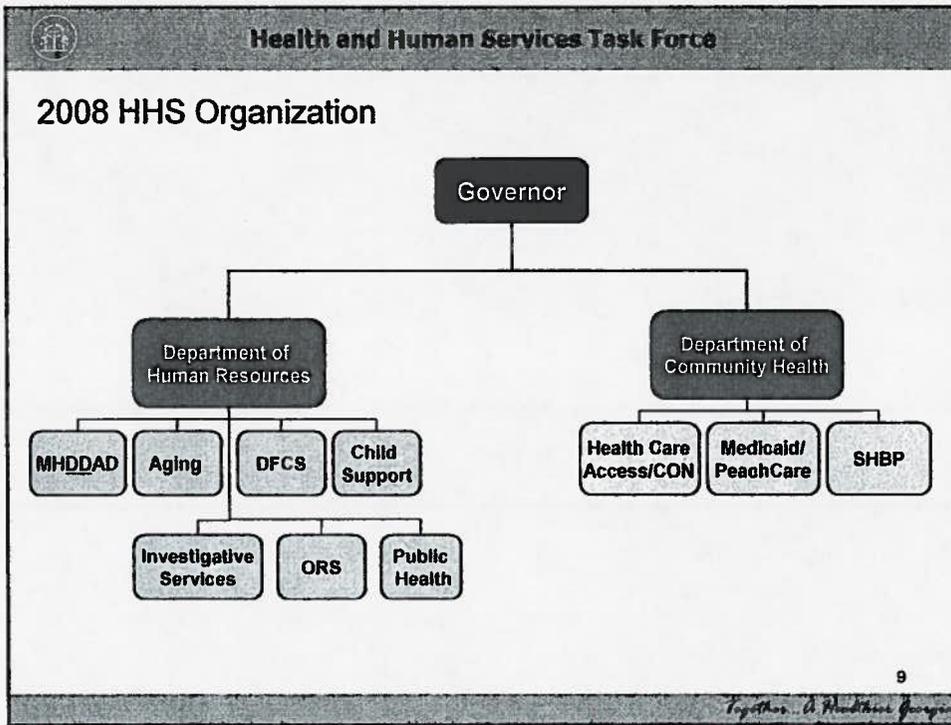
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Umbrellas

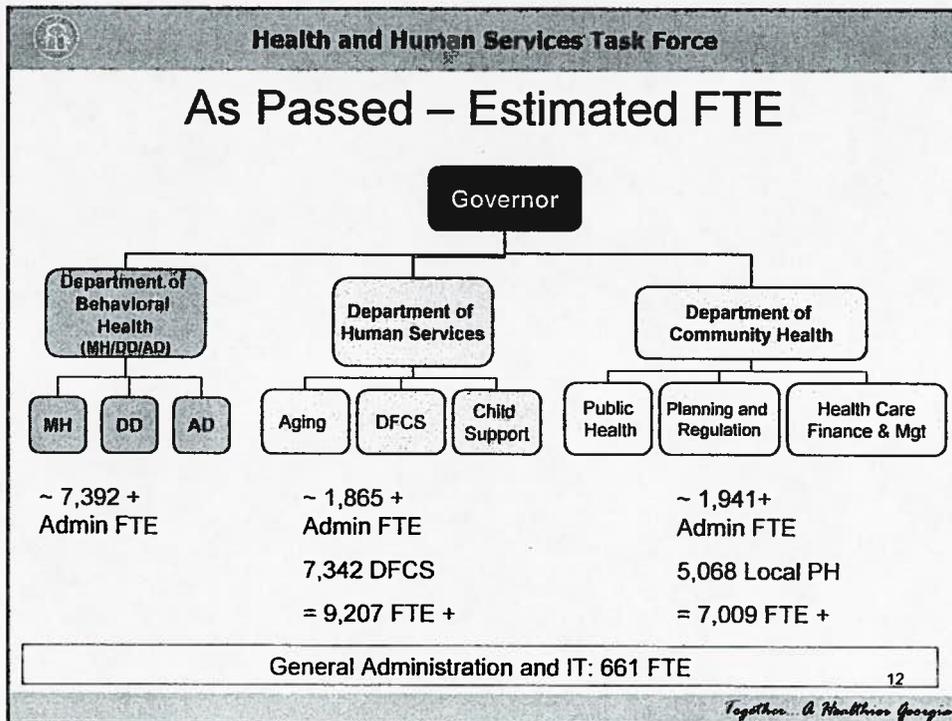
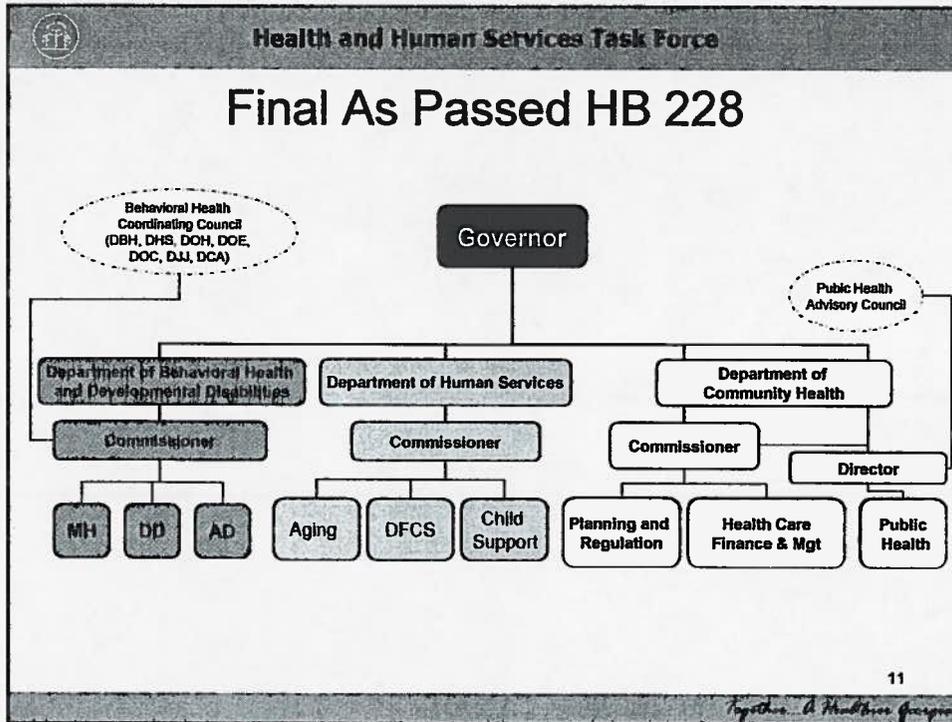
Highly
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Departments /
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Source: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCLS) report, "State Human Services Organization: Strategies for Improving Results" by Susan Robison published in April 2006

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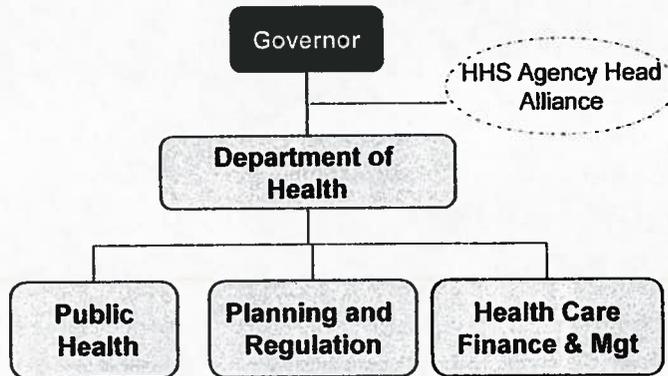
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Department of Health



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Health Vision

- Promote and protect the health of Georgians
- Plan and regulate health care infrastructure
- Facilitate and finance health care access and coverage

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Department of Health: Benefits

- Establishes a lead agency that is focused on improving health status of Georgians and guiding health policy for the state
- Capitalizes on the connection between financing and public health programs and facilitates having health policy guide Medicaid spending
- Is a statement by the Governor and General Assembly that improving Georgians health is a priority
- Streamlines public health related activities currently in DHR and DCH
- Creates one agency focused on workable solutions to manage issues related to the uninsured and access to healthcare through the established safety nets

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Department of Health: Approach

- Local:** Solicit local input and flexibility to meet specific health needs of the community
- Targeted:** Strategically invest health resources to improve health outcomes both in the community and across the state
- Collaborative:** Utilize partnerships between public health experts, clinicians, and providers of care and health plan programs to recognize the "real world" needs, local differences, and opportunities in our local communities
- Quality:** Ensure current and future health care needs are met by improving the management of the state's health care resources

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Synergies and Opportunities

- Population health strategies developed by public health can be used strategically in health planning and health program benefit design
- Health care data including utilization, medical trends and practice patterns, clinical care and health outcomes can be used to incorporate the health findings of the poor who are children, fragile elders, or disabled in assessments performed of the states health status by Public Health
- Public Health's disease surveillance capabilities and alerts can be helpful in proactive treatment of the state's vulnerable populations served in the Medicaid & SCHIP program
- Health education, health literacy and wellness promotion are functions common to both Public Health and Publicly Funded Health Care Programs
- Align current efforts in public health and DCH to provide a safety net of clinics for physical health.

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Synergies and Opportunities (cont.)

- Statewide and community level assessments of
 - access to care
 - available community resources (providers, facilities, etc) are common work streams of both county health depts. and the regionally based health plan administrators who must plan and ensure adequate access
- CON and Health Facility Regulation focus on health planning needed for today and the future. This base information is an important building block for Emergency Preparedness planning.
- Health Care Facility Regulation will have some synergy with the Public Health functions of public health protection and safety.
- Partnerships between public health experts, clinicians, and providers of care and health plan program policy makers would provide more opportunity to recognize the "real world" needs, local differences, and opportunities in our local communities

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Adult Mental Health Services	Elder Support Services	Child Care Services			Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Interventions		Health Care Account and Improvement	
Child and Adolescent Addictive Disease Services		Child Welfare Services			Epidemiology		Indigent Care Trust Fund	
Child and Adolescent Forensic Services		Disability Determination			Investigation		Low-Income Medicaid	
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services		Energy Assistance			Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services		Nursing Home Provider Fees	
Child Care Support Services		Family Violence Services			Infant and Child Health Protection		PeaceCare	
Adult Developmental Disabilities Services	} DD	Food Stamp Eligibility and Benefits			Infectious Disease Control		State Health Benefit Plan	
Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities Services		Out-of-Home Care			Injury Prevention		Special Services	
Adult Nursing Home Services		Refugee Assistance			Infectious and Environmental Health Control		Georgia Board of Physician Workforce	
		Support for Homeless Families - Basic Assistance			Substance Abuse Prevention Services	State Board of Medical Education		
		Support for Homeless Families - Work Assistance			Vital Records	State Composite Board of Medical Examiners (Move to Soc of State)		
		Federal and Unassigned Revenues			Periodic Check-Up Act (Title for FY 2019)			

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