

Health & Healthcare Services Reorganization

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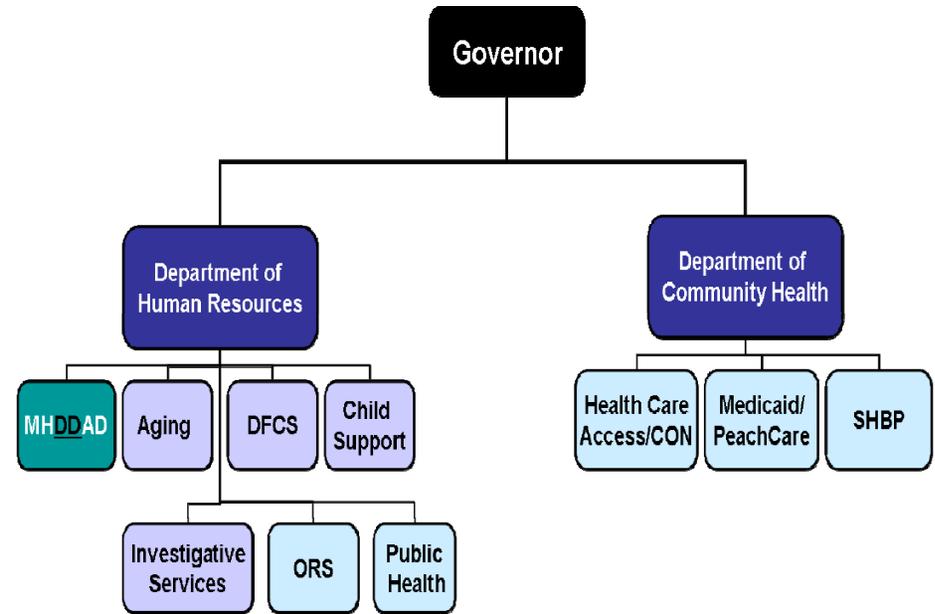


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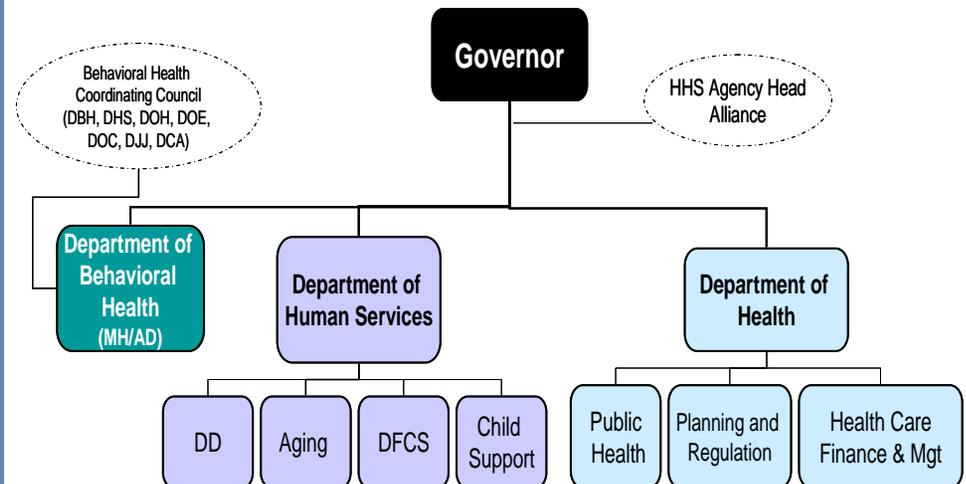


Together... A Healthier Georgia

CURRENT



PROPOSED



Components of the Dept of Health



Mission: to champion

- Access to affordable, quality health care in our communities
- Responsible health planning and use of health care resources
- Health behaviors and improved health outcomes

Administer publicly fund health plans
State Health Plan, Medicaid, SCHIP

1. Policy & Program Development
2. Health Care Benefit Design
3. Health Outcomes & QI
4. Program & Vendor Oversight
5. Member & Provider Services
6. Financial Integrity
7. Prospective Planning & Budget

Health (Facility) Planning

Certificate of Need

Health Access & Rural Health



Mission: to promote the delivery of safe and healthy services by regulated providers through our information, inspection, and enforcement efforts.

The Office of Regulatory Services (ORS) inspects, monitors, licenses, registers, and certifies a variety of health care and long term care facilities.

Regulation of safety & quality: Hospitals, ASC, Home Health, Nursing Homes, Labs

Georgia Department of
Human Resources
Division of Public Health



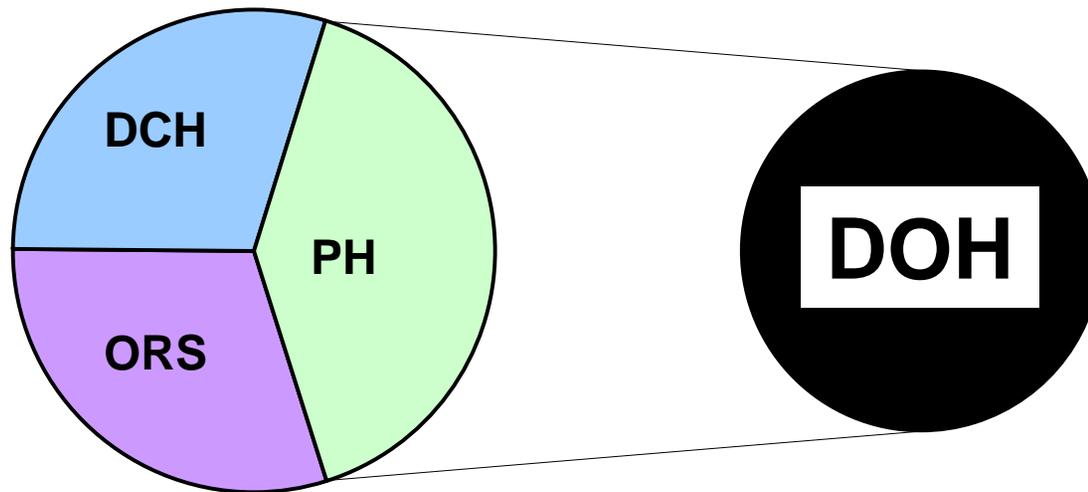
Mission: to promote and protect the health of people in Georgia wherever they live, work, and play. We unite with individuals, families, and communities to improve their health and enhance their quality of life..

The three basic functions of public health include:

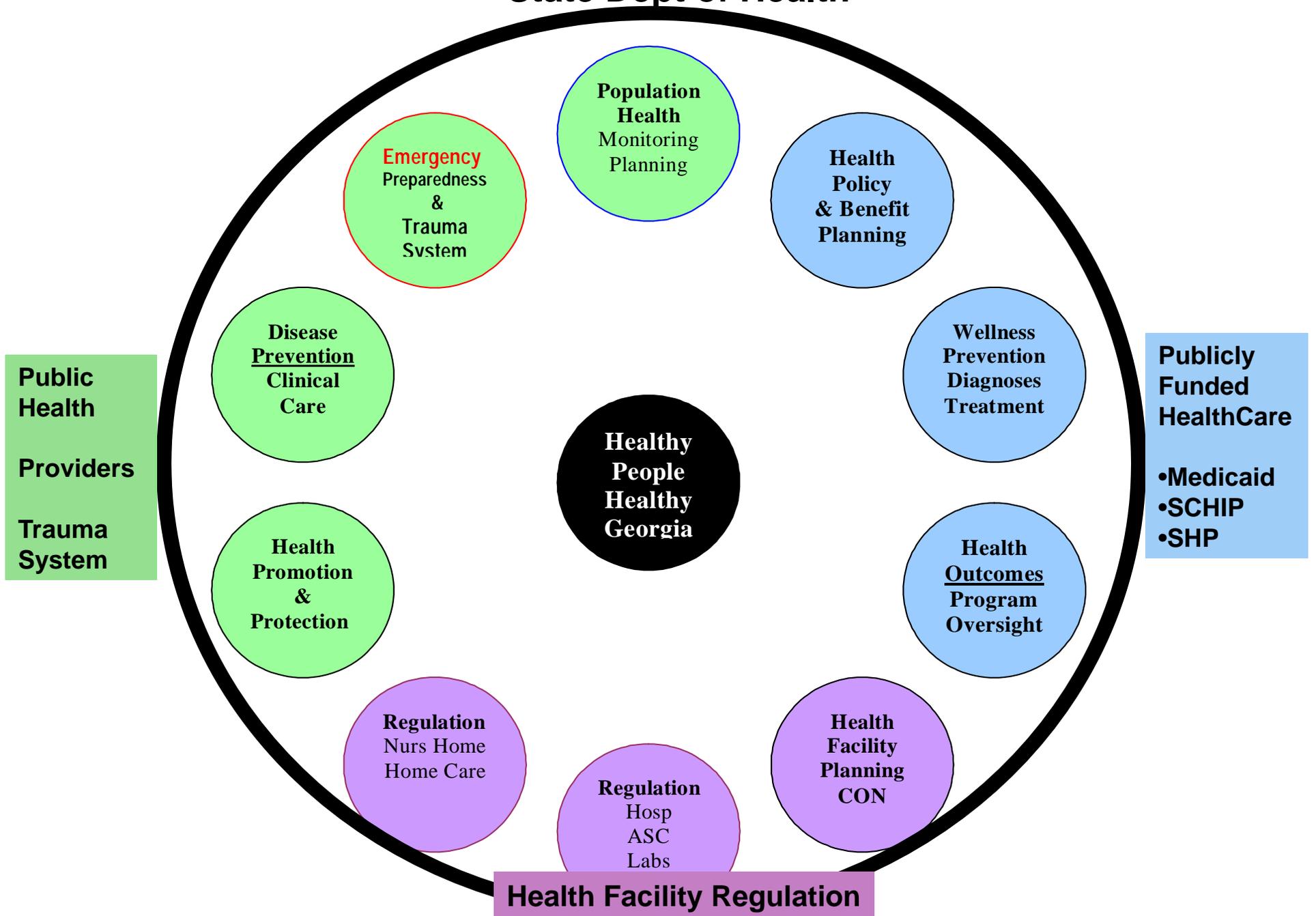
1. assessing the health status of the population;
2. assuring that people have the resources and skills necessary to remain healthy; and
3. establishing and implementing sound public health policy

Georgia Department of Health

Dept Of Health Components



State Dept of Health



New Department of Health

- **Opportunities**

- Align Georgia's Health and Healthcare goals by coordinating community healthcare programs, public health and health related regulatory functions.
- Coordinate resources to address desired public health and health care outcomes for Georgia
- Provide a central point of contact for health policy, health planning, and health care services
- Improve capacity to meet unmet healthcare needs by fortifying and coordinating the health care safety net system.

- **Success Factors**

- **TIME:** Focus now is on successful transition and avoiding service disruption. *Transformation* will require time to fully assess synergies, identify efficiencies and to implement an integrated strategy.
- **RESOURCES:** Assessment of Department funding and resources is underway. Adequate funding will be needed to ensure all mandates and program requirements are met..
- **COLLABORATION:** Requires health and health care stakeholders to buy-in and work together towards our common goal of improving health status and outcomes of Georgians.

Transition Steps: Operational Assessment

- **Transition work streams have been created to assess each functional area and to create a work plan for transitioning people, resources, and programs, including:**
 - **Accounting/Finance**
 - **Legal**
 - **Human Resources**
 - **Information Systems (including Decision Support Systems)**
 - **Facilities/Property**
 - **Procurements**
 - **Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery**
 - **Communications**
 - **Vendor Management**
 - **Audits**
- **Governor's Office created a Project Management team to develop a comprehensive Transition Plan.**
 - **Draft Plan is under review by Project Leads at DCH and DHR**

Transition Steps: Financial Assessment

- DCH has hired an auditing firm to perform a financial assessment to determine resources required for transition of Public Health and other regulatory functions.
- Auditors - Nichols Cauley conducting:
 - A Financial Review of the Division of Public Health
 - Developing a Cost Allocation Plan for DOH
 - Plan will include the additional ORS functions included in HHS Re-Org bill
 - Due to DCH for review on March 1st.

Reference Material

- Clinically Trained Staff in DCH
- Public Health Program Inventory
- Map of Public Health Districts
- Survey Findings: County Health Depts & Clinical Services/Primary Care 2007
- Map of Georgia Safety Net Clinics
- Dept of Community Health Fact Sheet

Department of Community Health

Clinically Trained Staff

50 Across DCH now = 10% of DCH staff

Area of work DCH clinical professionals are engaged in:

- policy development
- program design & compliance
- health care benefit design
- clinical reviews
- quality oversight
- provider services
- member services
- fraud/abuse reviews
- management
- health improvement programs & grants
- rural health
- outreach
- etc....

Clinically Trained Staff by DCH Division:

- State Health Plan: 4 staff members who are clinically trained (All Nurses).
- Medicaid & Peachcare: 21 clinically trained staff in DMA: 14 Nurses, 6 Pharmacists, 1 LCSW
- Inspector General/MPI: 22 Registered Nurses, 3 Pharmacists, and 1 Pharm Tech
- Health Care Access/Rural Health: 2 nurses, 1 doctor (and 1 epidemiologist)
- This does not include the clinicians transferring over as part of the ORS/Health Facility Reg move (SB433)

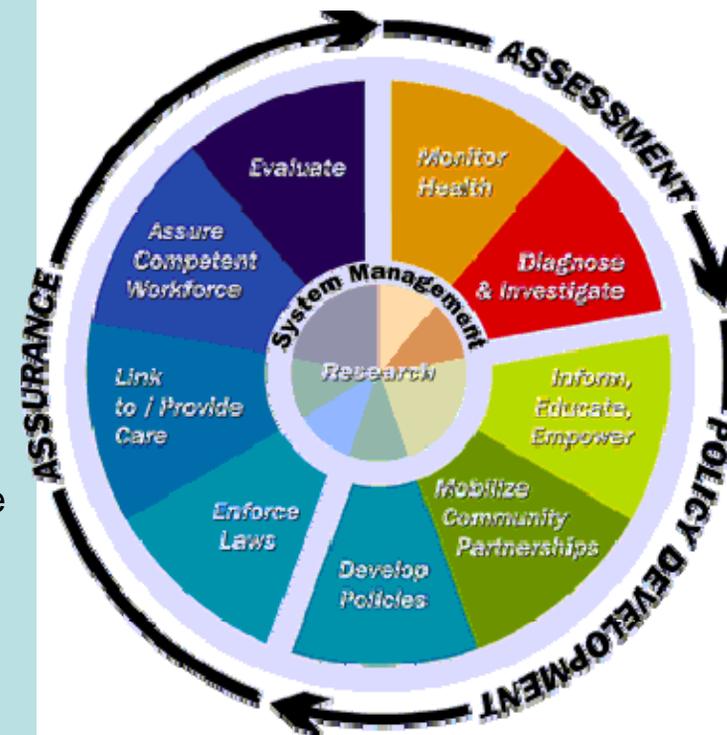
Public Health

Public Health

- Prevents epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protects against environmental hazards
- Prevents injuries
- Promotes and encourages healthy behaviors
- Responds to disasters and assists communities in recovery
- Assures the quality and accessibility of health services

Essential Public Health Services

- Monitor health status to identify community health problems
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues
- Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
- Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
- Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems



Source: Public Health Functions Steering Committee, Members (July 1995):

Public Health Programs and Services Inventory

PROMOTION & Prevention

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Adolescent Health & Youth Development

Adult & Adolescent Lab Services

Cancer Screening & Prevention

Family Planning

Health Promotion

Tobacco Use Prevention

Infant and Child Health Promotion

Comprehensive Child Health

Babies Born Healthy

WIC: Nutrition-Women, Infant, and Children

ICHP Lab Services

Newborn Screening

PREVENTION

Immunization

Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions & Svcs (GRITS)

Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Injury Prevention

PROVISION OF CARE & Clinical Services

Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Children's Medical Service

Regional Tertiary Care Centers

Infant & Child Oral Health

Genetics/Sickle Cell

Prenatal/Maternal Health

Babies Born Healthy

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Cancer State Aid

Hypertension Management

Refugee Health Services

Public Health Programs and Services Inventory

PREPAREDNESS & Emergency Response

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System

Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Preparedness
Trauma System Improvement

PROTECTION Infectious Disease Control

Infectious Disease Control

HIV/AIDS (HIV Care)

HIV/AIDS (HIV Prevention)

STD

TB

Laboratory Services

PROTECTION Environmental Hazards

Inspections & Environmental Hazard Control

Environmental Health

Laboratory Services

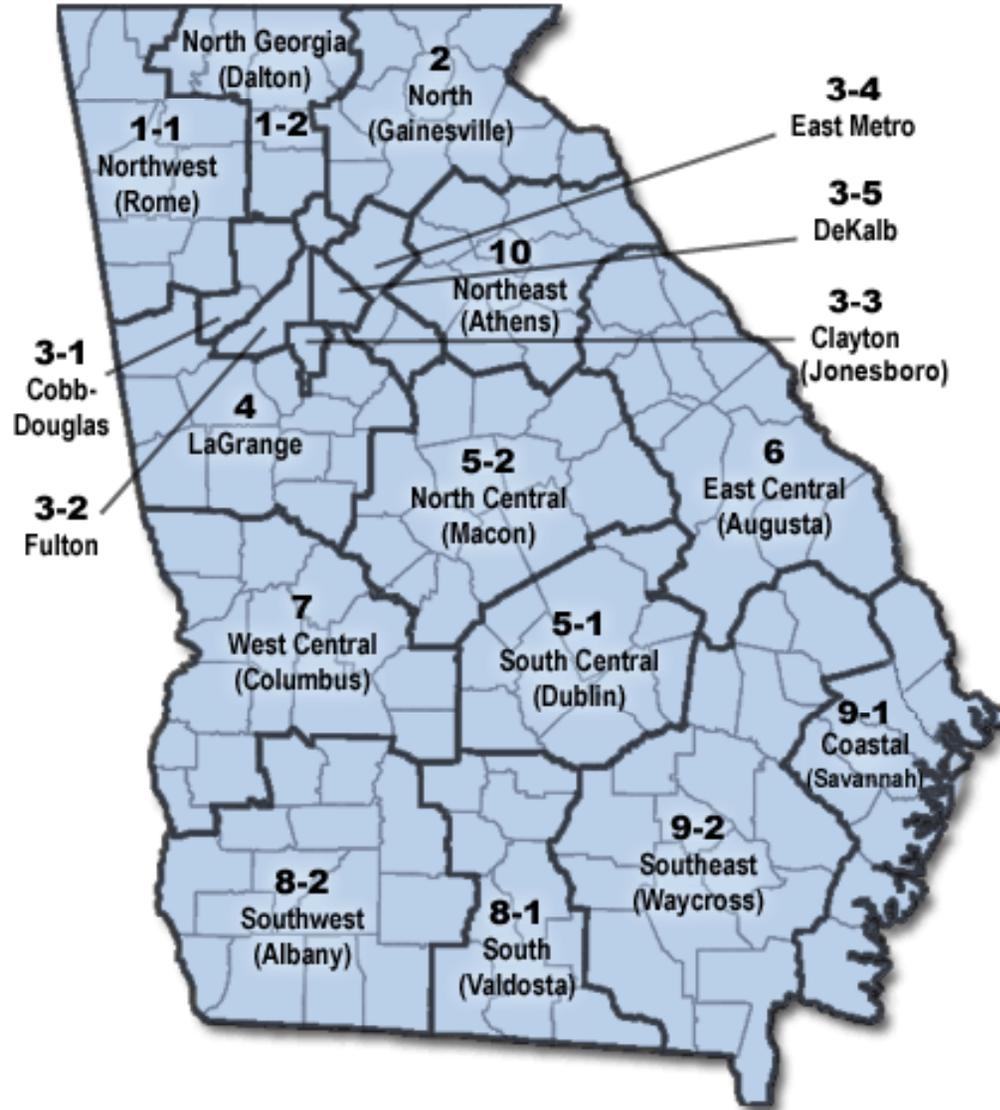
POPULATION HEALTH Monitor Health Status

Vital Records

Epidemiology

Health Assessment Lab Services
Assure a public health and personal health care workforce
Mobilize community partnerships

Public Health Districts



2007 Survey of County Health Depts

Providing Clinical Care	
Total Respondents	53
Total Providing Clinical Care	28
% Providing Clinical Care	53%

CHD as Sole Source of Clinical Care	
Total Respondents	53
Total with CHD as the sole source of Clinical Care	1
% CHD as sole source	2%

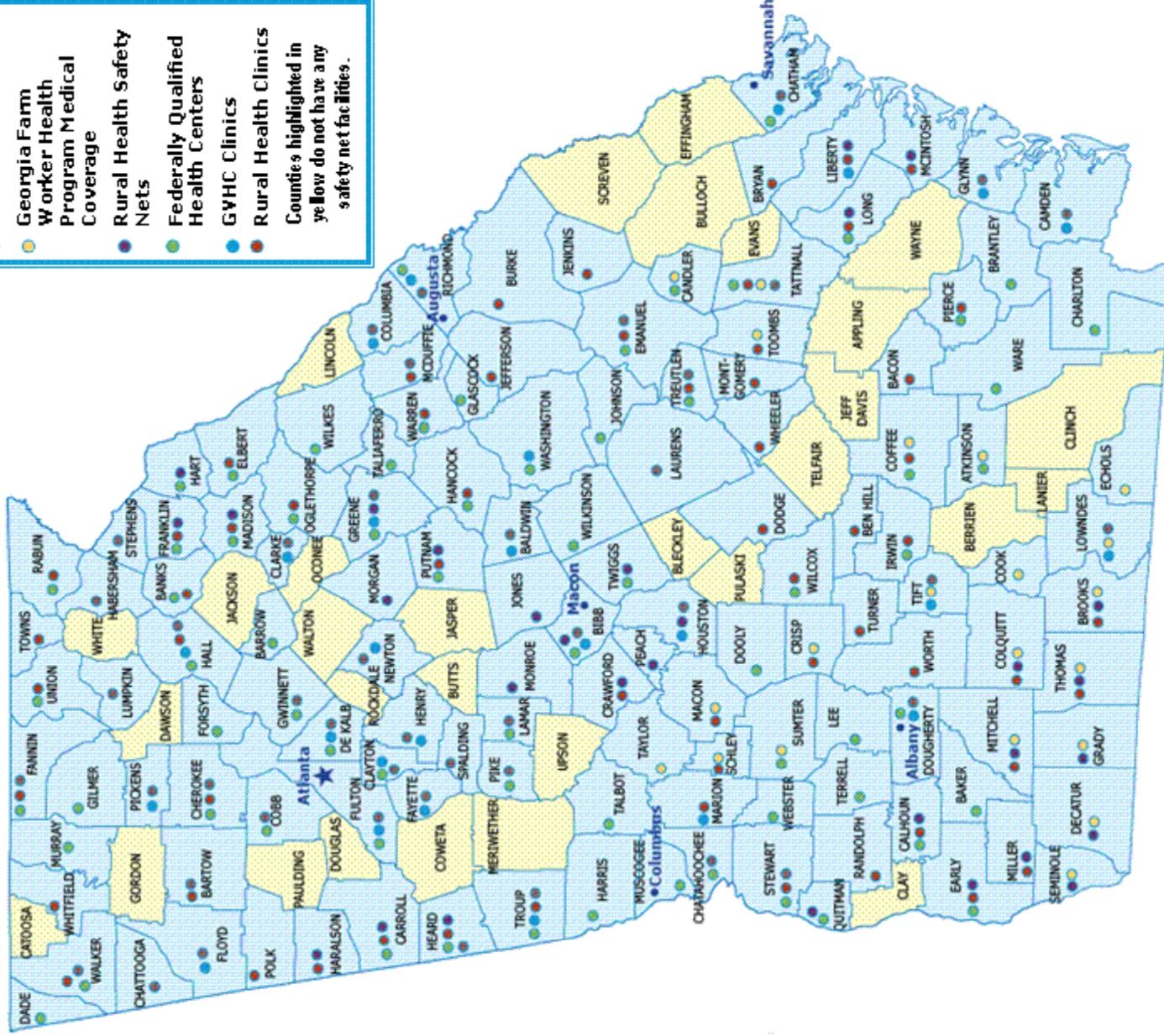
Interested in Continuing to provide care if funding is made available?	
Total Respondents	40
Yes, Interested in continuing to provide care	16
No, not interested in continuing to provide care	10
Not Applicable	14
No Response	13
% Interested	40%
% Not Interested	25%
% Not Applicable	35%
% Not Responded	25%

Georgia's Health Safety Net

LEGEND

- Free Clinics
- Georgia Farm Worker Health Program Medical Coverage
- Rural Health Safety Nets
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- GWHC Clinics
- Rural Health Clinics

Counties highlighted in yellow do not have a primary care safety net facilities.



State Dept of Health

