



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Public Health Service Act, Section 1905 (c) 1-2; 42 USC 6A, section 300w-4 (c) (1-2), the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health is required to give public notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed state plan for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant "PHHSBG" and/or notice and opportunity to comment upon revisions to the plan during the fiscal year.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Effective on date August 16, 2010, the allocation to Georgia for award period 10/01/2009 through 09/30/2010 was \$3,088,809. The same award is expected for 10/1/2010 through 9/30/2011.

Effective as of January 2009, the national planning committee for PHHSBG recommended and approved the new strategic direction and national goals for the grant. The new direction was established to strengthen the grant, examine support for sustainability and expansion, and improve accountability and innovation. The new goals include:

1. Achieving healthy equity and eliminating health disparities due to chronic diseases and injuries focusing on the leading preventable risk factors;
2. Decrease premature death and disabilities due to chronic disease and injuries by focusing on the leading preventable risk factors;
3. Support local health programs, systems and policies to achieve healthy communities; and
4. Provide opportunities to address emerging health issues and gaps.

Program assessments have been completed for several programs currently funded by PHHS, and changes made to align with the national direction and goals. Also, emerging issues such as obesity have dictated additional focus on physical activity and nutrition.

This public notice and the PHHSBG Work Plan FFY 2011 are available for review at the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health office at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 15th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303. An opportunity for public comment will be held on October 15, 2010 from 1:00p – 3:00p in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 657-3169. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before October 15, 2010 to the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 10th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 ATTN: Natasha Stark.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public on October 18, 2010 at the Georgia Division of Public Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in Room 10.272, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Preventive Health and Health Services Advisory Committee. The Committee will consider all public comments on the proposed changes to the State Plan. The Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 22, 2010 at 1:00pm. at the Georgia Division of Public Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor board room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER TWO THOUSAND TEN

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