

# RC/PIO News & Notes 7-14-2023



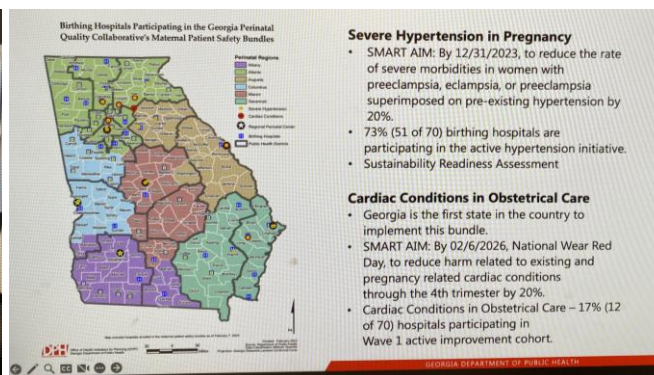
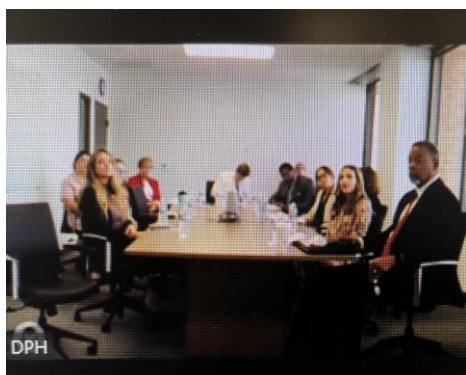
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## News and Notes

The monthly State Health Board meeting, the state PHEP fiscal year kick-off meeting and an update on the next DPH Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication training will be among the highlights this week.

## State Board of Health meeting

Commissioner Toomey said the move from 2 Peachtree to the Twin Towers was more challenging than expected, but she's among those who are thrilled to be in the new location. Her comments came at the start of the July State Board of Health meeting held Tuesday. She also noted that there were a variety of topics to address at this meeting that shows the COVID-19-centric theme of meetings in the past few years is no longer the sole focus. Such topics included an epidemiology update from Amanda Feldpausch on Fungal Meningitis and Malaria, along with Maternal Mortality reports from Diane Durrence and Katie Kopp.



## Media/CERC Training

Registration is now open for the next DPH Media/Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication training. The training will be held at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College in Valdosta September 7. The objective of the training is to bring together Communicators and Subject Matter Experts and anyone who has the potential of interacting with the public and/or the media to learn from each other. A draft agenda will go out to those who register but is also available upon request for those who may need it for travel approval purposes (it is likely to change as we put together the details of the day). Please register as early as possible to make sure you get a seat. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VKT9FHX>

## PHEP BP5 Kick-off meeting



The state PHEP staff gathered in the new DPH EOC at the Twin Towers Thursday for a Budget Period 5 kick-off meeting. The team reviewed current procedures for various aspects of operation. This includes use of inventory management systems, travel and budgeting and activity tracking and documenting as done in The Knack.

## Medical Support Sheltering

Thanks to Byron Lobsinger for sending the pictures and update on Medical Support Shelter plans:

*The DPH EPR leadership, Federal HHS, State DPH and local EH partners conducted a walk through at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in the City of Forsyth on Tuesday. The partnership support and ongoing planning is for registered evacuees requiring medical service support to either stay in dorms if they have a caregiver or in a fully staffed congregate shelter bay area for guests without a caretaker. The facility has a permitted approved food service cafeteria on site with backup power, public utilities, some available dorm space and large bay areas to support guest medical service needs.*



## Next Week Preview

The annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing & Media, hosted by the National Public Health Information Coalition will be at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency Wednesday through Friday. The quarterly BioWatch meeting will be Monday at the DPH Warehouse.

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