

# Board Meeting

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental  
Disabilities

December 12, 2024



# Agenda

## Roll Call

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## Call to Order

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## Introduction to Recovery Speaker

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## Action Items

- Board Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2024
- 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule
- Hospital Staff Recognition Resolution

## Commissioner's Report

- Opioid Settlement & Grant Award Update
- Prevention Services
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flame of Hope Ceremony

## Chair's Report

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## Public Comment

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# Roll Call

Chelsee Nabritt

*Board and Special Project Manager*

# Call to Order

Lasa Joiner

*Chair*

# Introduction of Recovery Speaker

Emile Risby, M.D.

*Chief Medical Officer and Director, Division of Hospitals,  
DBHDD*

# Action Item

- Board Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2024

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- 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule

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- Hospital Staff Recognition Resolution



# Commissioner's Report

Kevin Tanner  
*Commissioner*

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Holly Lynde

*Executive Director, Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust*

December 12, 2024



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# Opioid Settlements

- National Distributors and Manufacturers (2022)
  - Manufacturers: Janssen (part of Johnson & Johnson)
  - Distributors: McKesson Corporation, Cencora (formerly AmerisourceBergen), Cardinal Health
- Total funds to Georgia = ~\$638 million
  - 25% (\$159 million) sent by the National Administrator directly to the Participating Local Governments in Georgia
  - 75% (\$479 million) sent by the National Administrator to the Trust
- Distributors = ~\$91 million over 9 years
- Manufacturers = ~\$387.9 million over 18 years

## Settlement Document

### State of Georgia and Local Governments: Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Distributor and Johnson & Johnson Opioid Settlements

#### Foreword

This Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia *ex. Rel* Chris Carr, Attorney General and certain Georgia Local Government (“LGs”) entities concerns the harms visited upon Georgia’s citizens and the State itself by certain manufacturers and distributors (“Opioid Defendants”) of prescription opioids.

To address these harms, the State and certain of its local government entities separately initiated litigation meant to hold the Opioid Defendants accountable.

Some Distributor Opioid Defendants, namely McKesson Corporation, AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and Cardinal Health, Inc. (each a “Settling Distributor”) and Janssen (“J&J”)<sup>1</sup> have separately reached settlement frameworks (referenced as “National Distributor Settlement” and “J&J Settlement”) with certain states and local government entities that the State of Georgia and LGs have the option to join.

This Memorandum aims to memorialize an agreement between the State and certain LGs that would enable the State and certain LGs to join the National Distributor and J&J Settlements and maximize the monetary help that the State and its LGs receive.

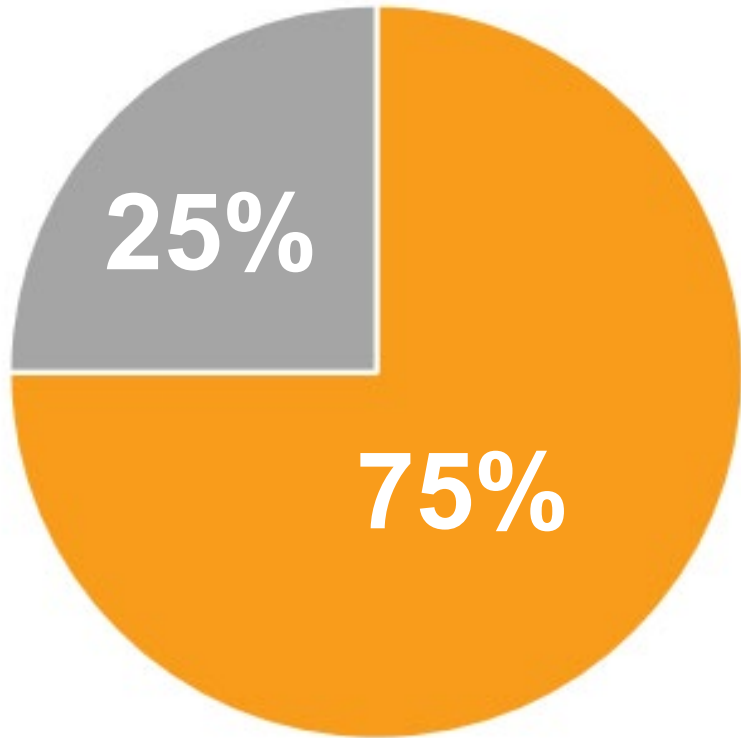
#### I. Definitions

- a. “Approved Purposes” shall mean those uses identified in the List of Opioid Remediation Uses, attached as Exhibit E to the National Distributor Settlement, and those uses identified as “Approved Opioid Abatement Uses” in Schedules A and B to Exhibit G to the Notice of Filing of Eighth Plan Supplement Pursuant to the Fifth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma L.P. and its Affiliated Debtors, In re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Case No. 19-23649-RDD, Dkt. 3121 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 8, 2021).
- b. “Government Participation Mechanism” means the mechanism formed to make recommendations regarding the allocation of State Opioid

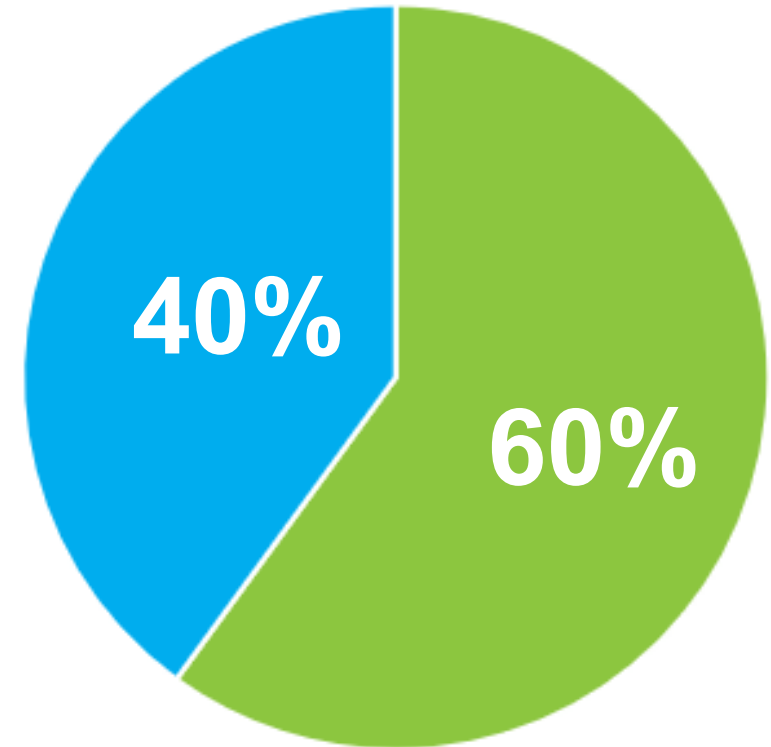
<sup>1</sup> “Janssen” means Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

# Allocation of Settlement Funds

## National Distributors and Manufacturers Settlement



■ State ■ Local Governments



■ Statewide Projects ■ Regional Projects

# Opioid Settlements

- “Big 5” (2023)
  - Teva Pharmaceuticals, Allergan Finance, Walmart, CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens
  - Anticipated settlement = ~\$511 million
  - Attorney fees will be paid from this amount
  - 25% will be sent by the National Administrator directly to the Participating Local Governments in Georgia
  - 75% will be sent by the National Administrator to the State
- Kroger (2024) [Georgia judgment is pending]
  - Anticipated settlement = ~\$55 million
  - Attorney fees will be paid from this amount
  - 25% will be sent by the National Administrator directly to the Participating Local Governments in Georgia
  - 75% will be sent by the National Administrator to the State
- Multiple other cases still in litigation, including Purdue Pharma

## Settlement Document

Binding on State of Georgia When Executed by Georgia AG / Governor

**State of Georgia and Local Governments: Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Settlements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Walmart Inc., CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Walgreen Co.**

### Foreword

This Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia *ex rel.* Chris Carr, Attorney General (the “State”), and certain Georgia Local Government entities (“LGs”) concerns the harms visited upon Georgia’s citizens and the State itself by certain manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies (“Opioid Defendants”) of prescription opioids.

To address these harms, the State and certain LGs separately initiated litigation meant to hold the Opioid Defendants accountable.

On December 31, 2021, the State entered into settlements with Opioid Defendants McKesson Corporation, AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (together, the “National Distributor and J&J Settlements”).

Thereafter, the State and participating LGs entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to memorialize an agreement that would enable them to maximize the monetary help received from the National Distributor and J&J Settlements to address harms visited upon Georgia’s citizens and the State itself in the opioid crisis (the “2022 MOU”).

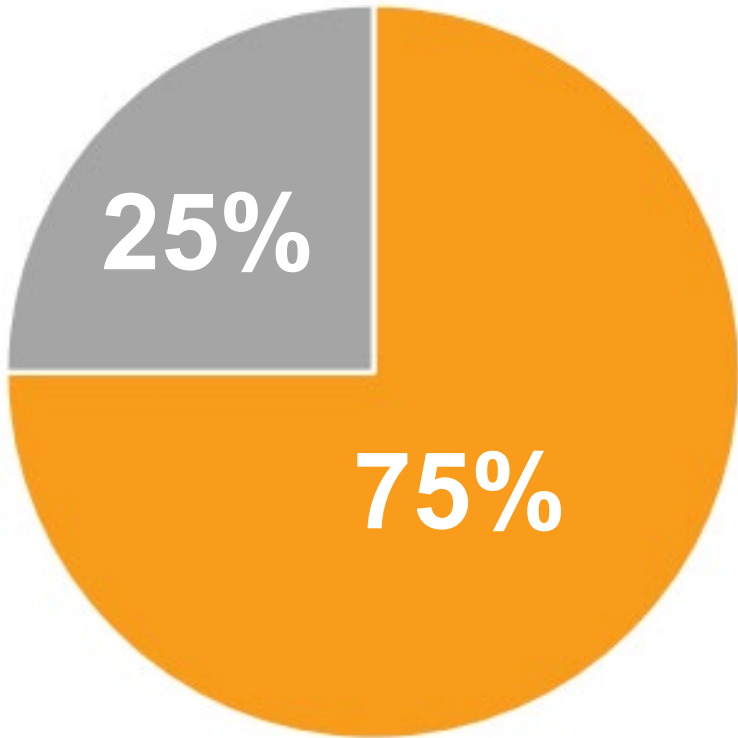
During November and December of 2022, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (“Teva”), Allergan Finance, LLC (“Allergan”), Walmart Inc. (“Walmart”), CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (“CVS”), and Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”), respectively, agreed to national settlement frameworks (collectively, “Opioid Settlements”) that the State of Georgia and LGs are eligible to join.

During December, 2022, the State entered into each of the Opioid Settlements. The LGs have until April 18, 2023 to opt in to the respective Opioid Settlements.

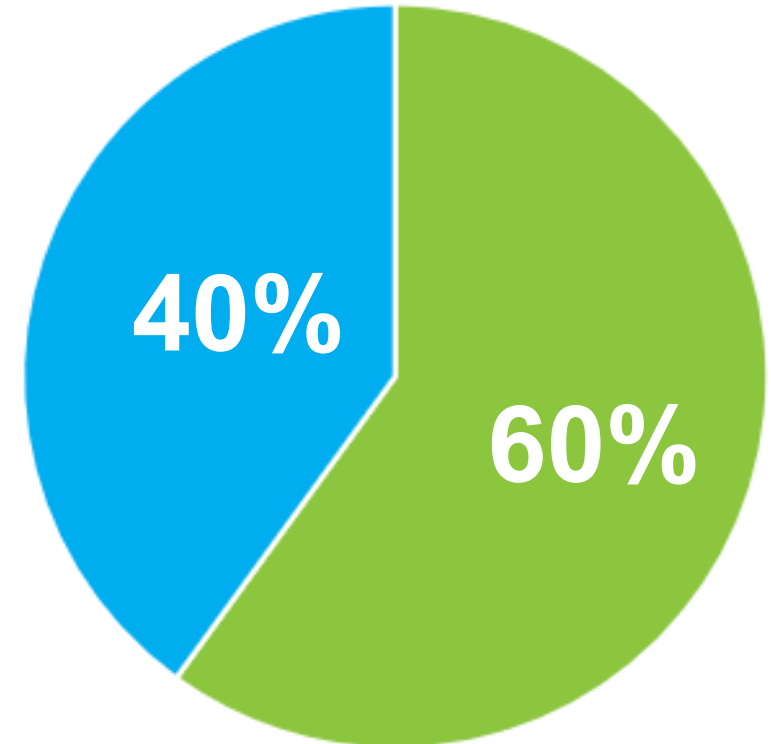
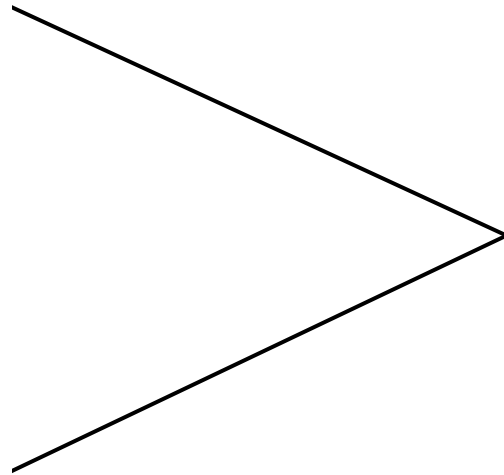
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# Allocation of Settlement Funds

“Big 5” and Kroger



■ State ■ Local Governments



■ State Treasury ■ Regional Projects

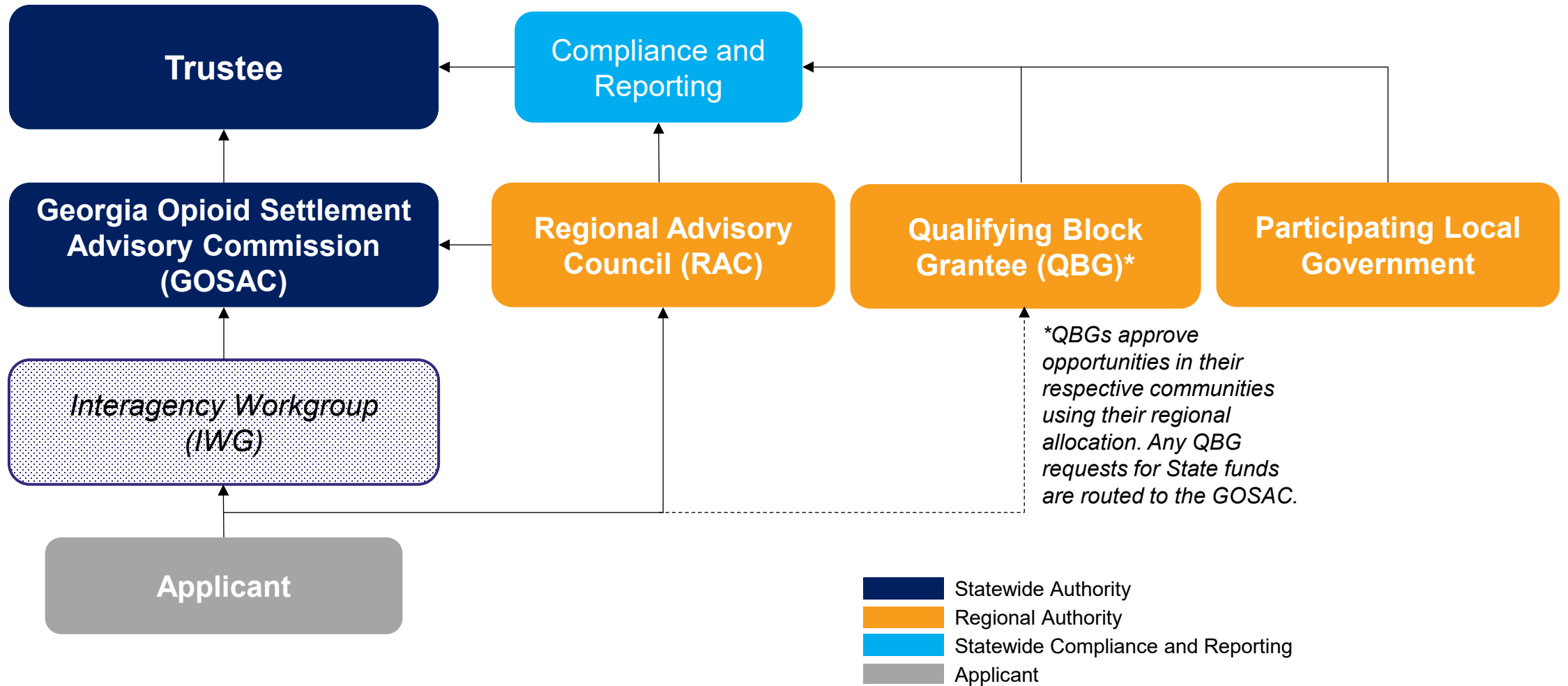
# Core Strategies and Approved Uses

- Funds must be spent in accordance with the Core Strategies and Approved Uses outlined in Exhibit E of the Opioid Settlement.
- Core Strategies
  - Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
  - Medication-assisted treatment distribution and other opioid-related treatment
  - Pregnant & postpartum women
  - Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
  - Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
  - Treatment for people incarcerated
  - Prevention programs
  - Expansion of syringe services programs
  - Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of abatement strategies within the state

## Approved Uses include:

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Recovery
- Harm Reduction
- Research & Evaluation
- Education
- Other

# Governance Structure





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## GOSAC

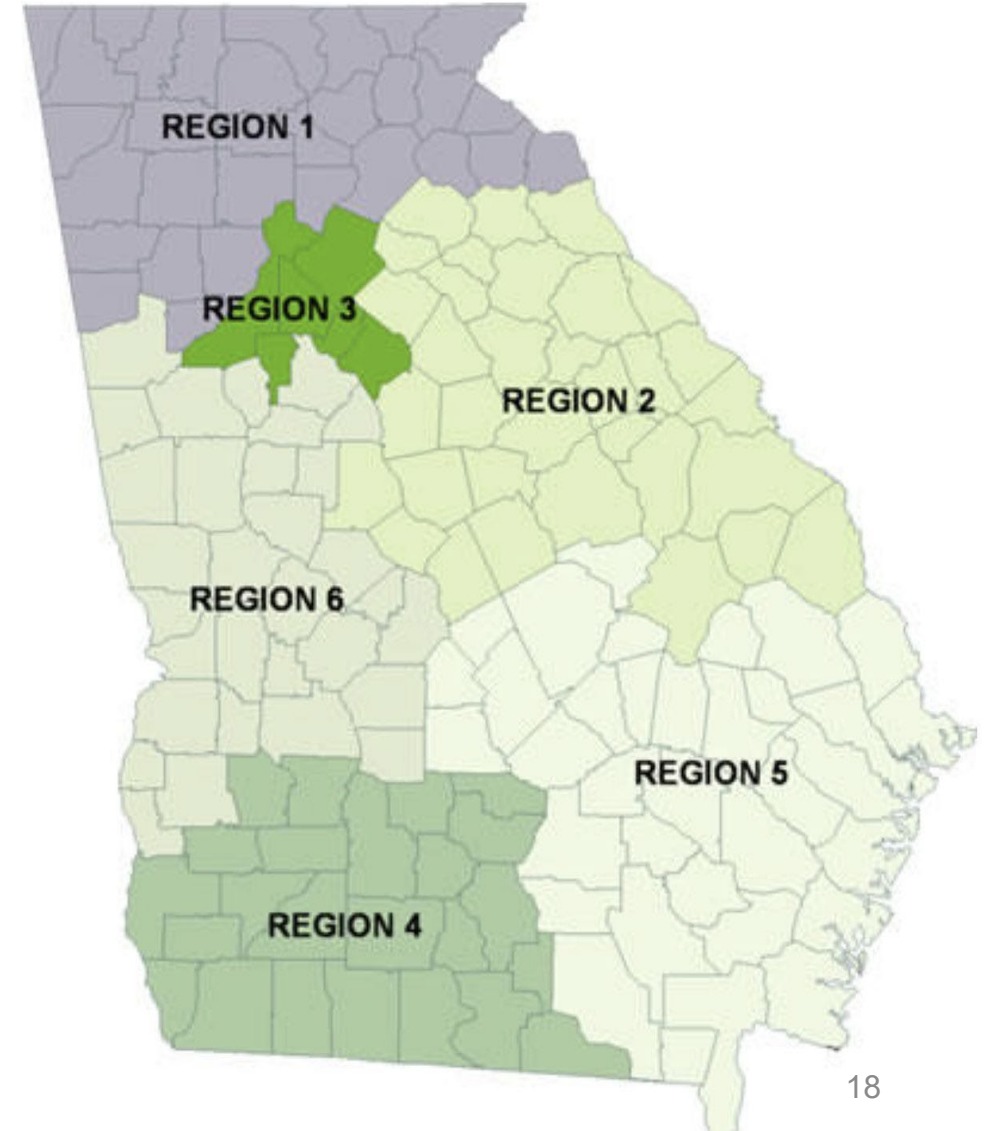
- Evan Meyers, Deputy Executive Counsel, non-voting Chair
- 4 members appointed by Gov. Kemp
  - Cassandra Price, DBHDD
  - Dr. Chris Rustin, DPH
  - Sheriff Gary Sisk, Catoosa County
  - Grant Thomas, DCH
- 4 local members
  - Betty Cason, Mayor of Carrollton
  - Clay Davis, Chair, Spalding County Board of Commissioners
  - David A. Kidd, appointed by Georgia Association of Community Service Boards
  - Edward Reynolds, Mayor of Bainbridge

## RACs

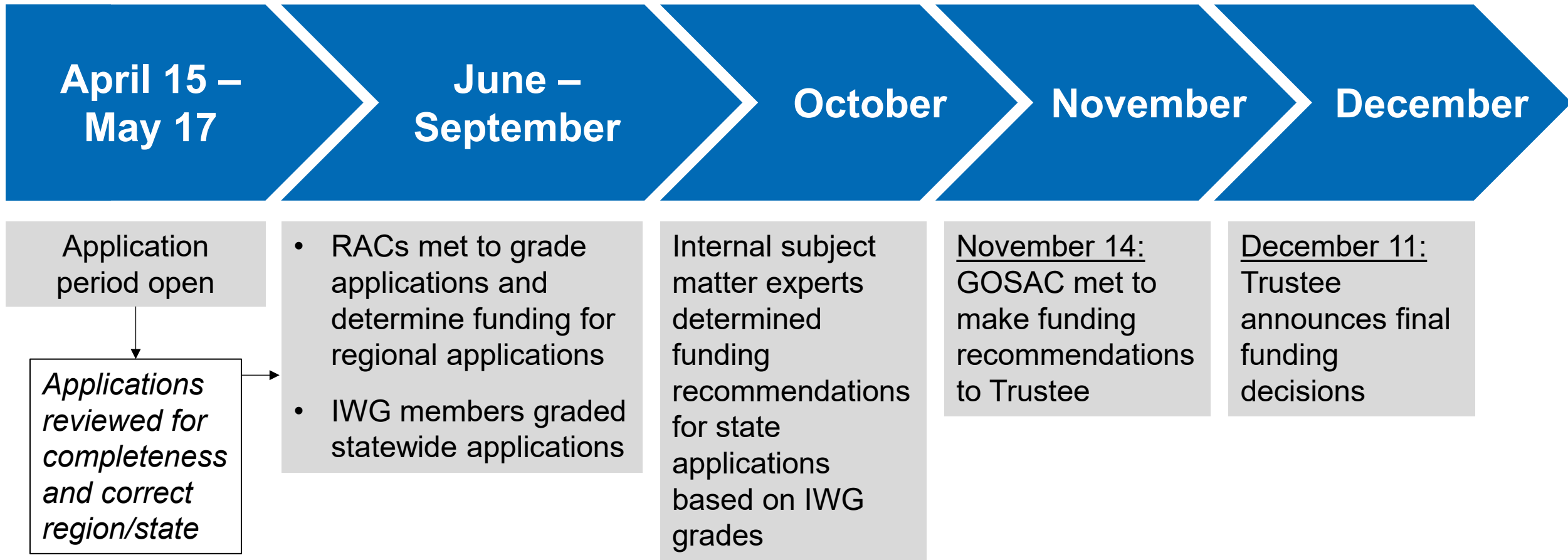
- Mimic DBHDD regions for administrative efficiency (Regions 1–6)
- 7 members
  - County Board of Health\*
  - Community Service Board\*
  - Sheriff\*
  - University System
  - Provider
  - Lived Experience
  - Judiciary
- Each QBG serves as its own region (Regions 7–11)

# 2024 Regional Funding Allocation

<b>Total Grant Funds Allocated</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	
<b>Percent of Funds to State / Regions</b>	60% / 40%	
<b>Total Amount to State / Regions</b>	\$30M / \$20M	
<b>Region</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Region 1	24.18%	\$4,835,205
Region 2	14.45%	\$2,890,652
Region 3	3.68%	\$735,000
Region 4	4.57%	\$914,791
Region 5	13.24%	\$2,648,376
Region 6	14.40%	\$2,880,022
Region 7 (Cobb County)	7.17%	\$1,433,191
Region 8 (Gwinnett County)	5.98%	\$1,195,014
Region 9 (DeKalb County)	4.17%	\$833,403
Region 10 (Fulton County)	3.22%	\$644,002
Region 11 (City of Atlanta)	4.95%	\$990,325



# Application Review Process



# Applications Received

	<b>Requested Funding</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
State	\$123,220,094.59	99	\$30,000,000
Region 1	\$54,231,291.42	70	\$4,835,205
Region 2	\$20,605,415.89	39	\$2,890,652
Region 3	\$9,601,576.01	24	\$735,020
Region 4	\$9,095,694.42	13	\$914,791
Region 5	\$12,954,411.06	33	\$2,648,376
Region 6	\$18,392,628.94	28	\$2,880,022
Total Regional	\$124,881,017.70	207	\$14,904,066
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$248,101,112.33</b>	<b>306</b>	

# Regional Projects Funded

Project Category	Approved Projects	Approved Funding		
		Year 1	Year 2	Total
Treatment	30	\$6,395,001.59	\$2,310,501.28	\$8,705,502.87
Recovery	26	\$5,432,006.80	\$3,253,902.24	\$8,685,909.04
Prevention	12	\$1,789,016.40	\$1,385,314.78	\$3,174,331.18
Harm Reduction	8	\$819,976.00	\$170,230.00	\$990,206.00
Other – Training	3	\$37,950.00	\$12,950.00	\$50,900.00
Regional Projects Total	79	\$14,473,950.79	\$7,132,898.31	\$21,606,849.10

# Statewide Projects Funded

Project Category	Approved Projects	Approved Funding		
		Year 1	Year 2	Total
Prevention	13	\$8,150,919.07	\$4,748,818.09	\$12,899,737.16
Recovery	12	\$3,771,197.40	\$1,847,295.20	\$5,618,492.60
Treatment	9	\$11,563,045.25	\$8,477,046.01	\$20,040,091.26
Harm Reduction	5	\$1,037,787.86	\$483,950.00	\$1,521,737.86
Other – Training	5	\$2,205,519.67	\$2,203,945.67	\$4,409,465.35
Research & Evaluation	4	\$1,101,744.35	\$920,062.39	\$2,021,806.73
Other – First Responders	1	\$1,101,891.26	\$1,101,891.26	\$2,203,782.52
Statewide Projects Total	49	\$28,932,104.86	\$19,783,008.62	\$48,715,113.48

# All Projects Funded

Project Category	Approved Projects	Approved Funding		
		Year 1	Year 2	Total
Regional Projects Total	79	\$14,473,950.79	\$7,132,898.31	\$21,606,849.10
Statewide Projects Total	49	\$28,932,104.86	\$19,783,008.62	\$48,715,113.48
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>\$43,406,055.66</b>	<b>\$26,915,906.92</b>	<b>\$70,321,962.58</b>

# Next Steps

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- Each organization has until December 31 to sign their letter of award
- Contracting
- Quarterly reports
- Monitoring and evaluation
- 2025 funding round to open around same time as 2024



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Brenda Cibulas, APRN, BC, CGP

*Executive Director, Division of Behavioral Health*

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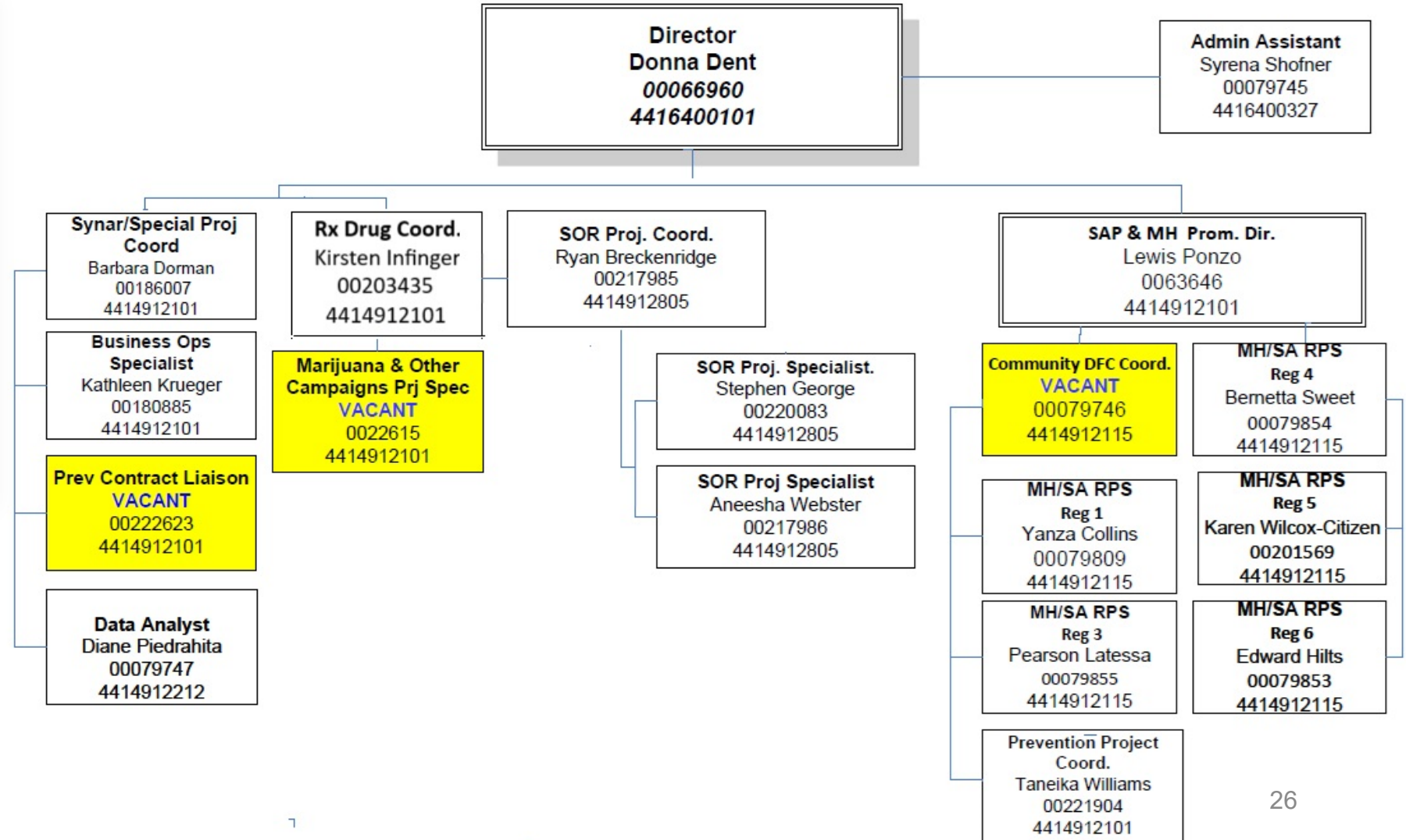


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# Office of Prevention Services

- **Kevin Tanner**  
*Commissioner*
- **Brenda Cibulas**  
*Division of Behavioral Health Director*
- **Cassandra Price**  
*SSA & MHM RSA  
Program and Policy  
Supporting Information*

## Office of Prevention Services



# OPS APPROACH

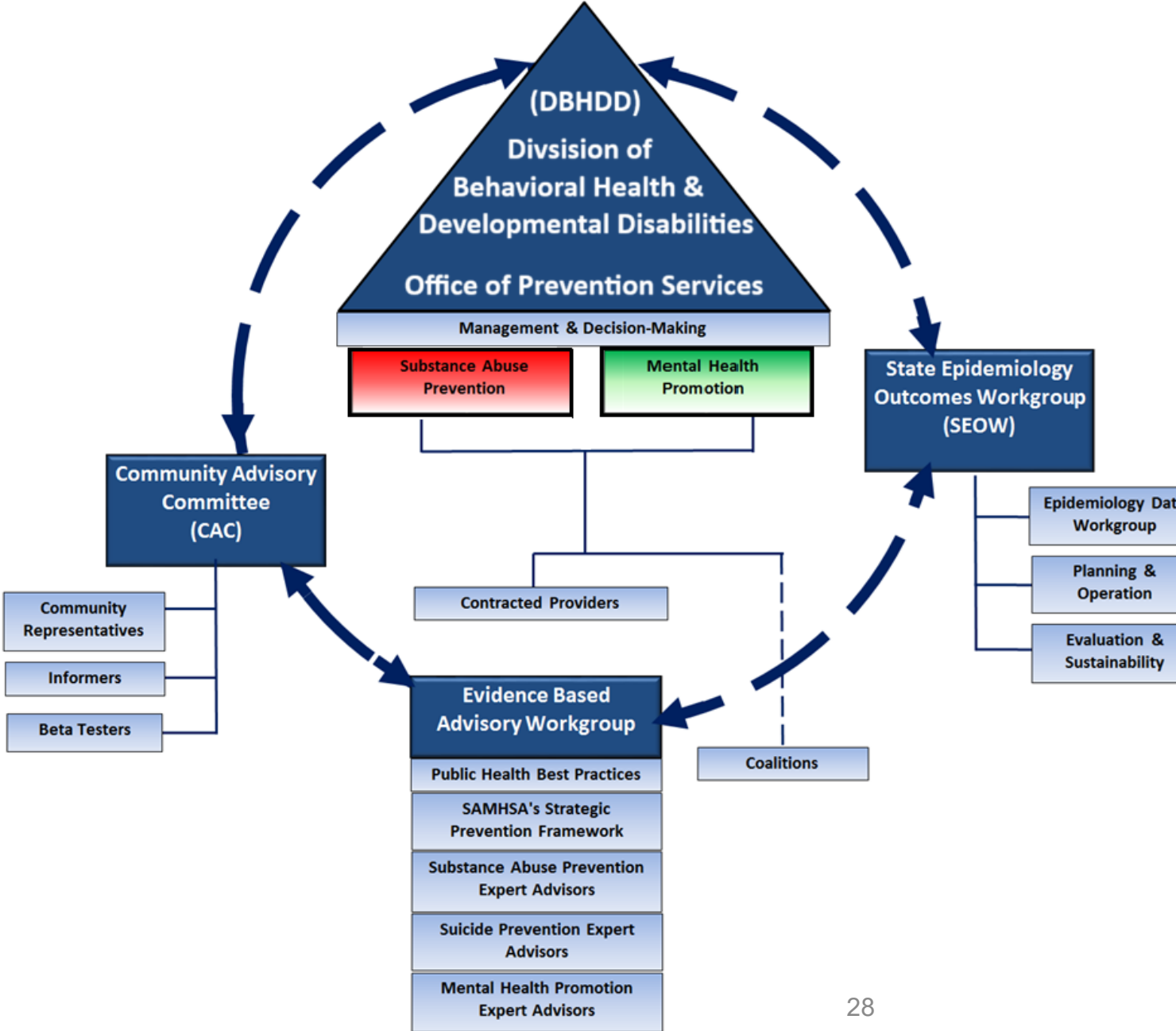
- SPF Model
- Statewide Programs
- Targeted Programs
- Collaborations & Partnerships
- Provide Prevention T/TA to Providers & Partners



- DBHDD Website - <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/bh-prevention>
- GASPS Website - [GA SPS.org](http://GA SPS.org)
- Data Warehouse Website – [www.gaspsdata.net](http://www.gaspsdata.net)
- Georgia Youth & Family Advisory Board – <https://www.yfab.org>
- Opioid Website - <https://opioidresponse.info/>
- Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust - <https://www.gaopioidtrust.org/>



# OPS Infrastructure



# OPS In GEORGIA

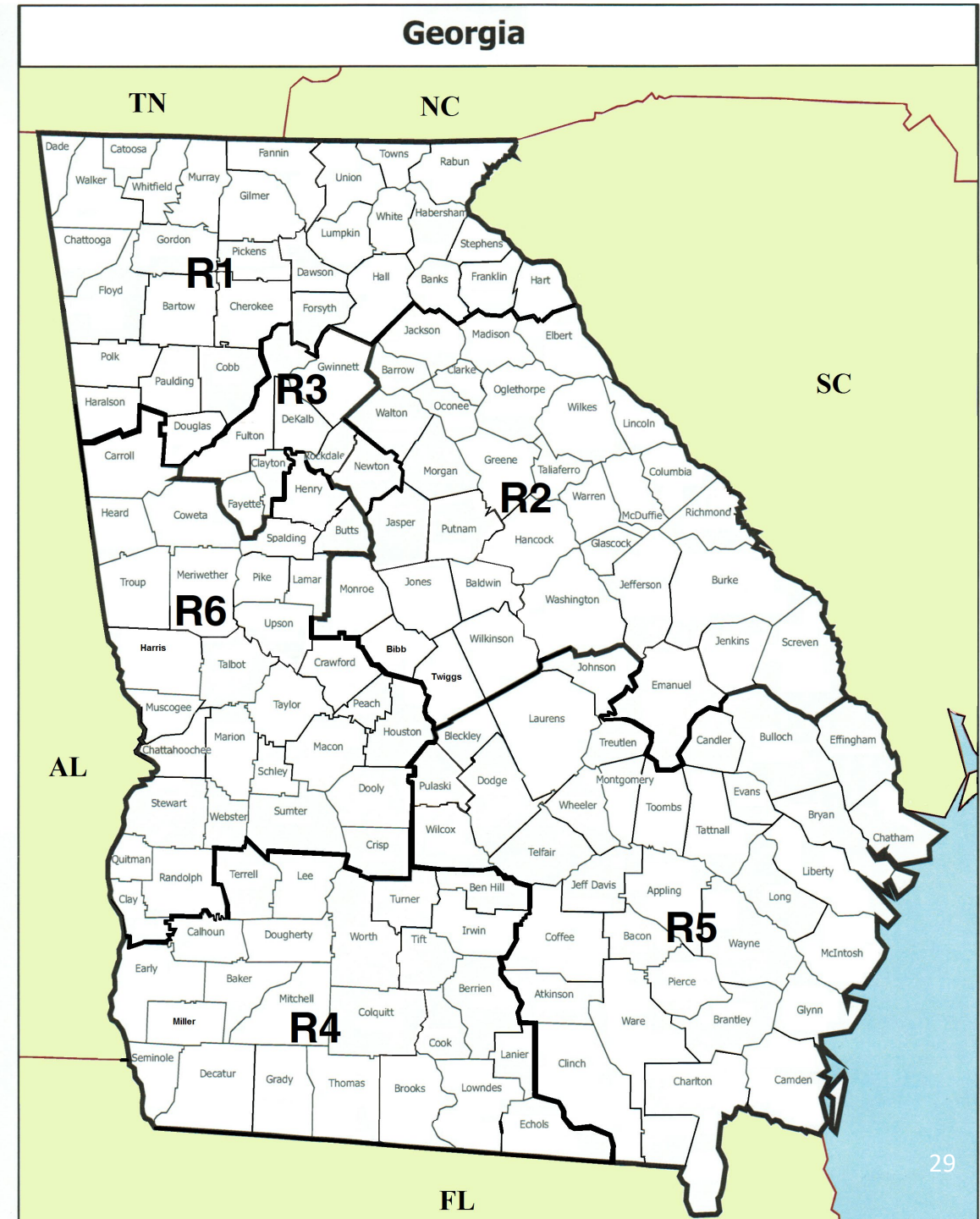
- 159 Counties
- DBHDD's State Office is located in R3

## Prevention Office Regions

- Bernetta Sweet – RPS R1 & R4
- Yanza Collins – RPS R2
- Latessa Marie Pearson – RPS R3
- Karen Citizen-Wilcox – RPS R5
- Edward Hilts – RPS R6

## Prevention Fund Sources:

- SUPTR BG - (Substance Use Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Block Grant)
- ARPA – (American Rescue Plan Act)
- SOR – (State Opioid Response Grant)
- State



# OPS Projects & Initiatives

- Partners In Prevention (PIPP) – 35 SPF sites across GA.
- SPF Suicide Prevention Projects – 6 sites across GA.
- Special PIPP Pops – LatinX, Age 61+, RIM, & LGBTQ/African Am
- Ga College Prevention Project – SPF in 18+ Colleges & Univ.
- Ga Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Collaborative Initiative Project
- Ga Teen Institute (GTI) – Youth Leadership Program for Youth Action Teams Across Ga (learn SPF and implement in communities)
- Peer Assisted Student Transition Project (PAST) – An evidence-based Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum that matches students with trained peer leaders during key school transitional periods (move from Elem to Middle, Middle to High, & High to College)
- Voices for Prevention (V4P) –
- Conferences – Suicide & Substance Abuse Prevention shared R/P Factors; Athlete's Summit; Support Suicide Prevention Conference

# OPS Projects & Initiatives continued...

- **Governor's Red Ribbon Campaign & Expansion 365**
- **Prevention Clubhouses** — Clubhouses in R1, R2, R3, R5, & R6. For youth 12-18, w EB Curriculum & 8 core components. Mentoring, Community Service, Educational Service, Employment/Career Services, Nutrition & Health Services, Family Activities, Case Management & Referral Services, and Clubhouse Team Building Services.
- **Maternal Substance Abuse Education & Information** — Website, Resource information, and T/TA on MSA for professionals and communities. An online curriculum.
- **Faith Based Statewide Community SAP & MHP Trainings** — Develop/Adapt Training (Curriculums S.O.S/QPR/MHFA). Implement Live in 6 BH Regions. Host 1 Follow-up online refresher & Quarterly online TA Networking & Learning Mtgs
- **BH Community Cultural Events for SAP & MHP** - At least 2 BH Statewide Cultural Festivals (North & South) with quarterly online follow-up events (Resource Directory, Tool Kit, & connecting to V4P.
- **SOS & Summer Mentoring Initiative R3** — 3DGirls Inc. [S.O.S & 2 Week Adult Role Model Mentoring Prgm for girls in R3 . Ed & empower young women and girls to be self advocates.

# SOR Grant

- **Statewide Opioid Media Campaigns**
- **Naloxone Trainings for First Responders** – Provide training and sample kits to first responders
- **College Adopt-a-School Projects** – 8 schools paired with College/Univ mentors to implement SPF
- **Statewide Sources of Strength Project** – 65+ schools across GA
- **Prevengers** – Media education series
- **Community Engagement Showcase Events** – 13 sites across GA
- **Opioid Intervention Targeting Metro Atlanta**
- **Statewide Needs Assessment** – conduct Social Indicator Study & Epi Profiles every 3-4 years.
- **Community Advisory Committee / Youth & Family Advisory Board**





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Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

## State Prevention Goals

- ✓ Maintain and enhance an effective infrastructure for planning, developing and administering effective, culturally competent, and sustainable prevention strategies
- ✓ Maintain and enhance effective use of data in planning, decision making, implementation, and evaluation of prevention strategies (effective data collection, analysis, and reporting system for Prevention in Georgia)
- ✓ Develop guidance and promote policies and leadership of effective prevention efforts across Georgia
- ✓ Educate, raise awareness, promote, prevention and implement effective prevention strategies across the lifespan of Georgians
- ✓ Reduce and/or maintain Georgia's top 3 prioritized substances of abuse prevalence in youth ages 9 – 18 years of age to a level below the national level
- ✓ Reduce and/or maintain Georgia's top 3 prioritized substances of abuse prevalence in young adults 19 – 25 years of age to a level below the national level
- ✓ Maintain Georgia's SYNAR compliance level below 20% required

- Total Number of DBHDD Staff: **Agency 4000+**
- Number of Office of Prevention Services Staff: **15**
- Prevention resides within the **Dept of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities**
- This Agency includes **SUD SSA, MH SSA**  
<https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/bh-prevention>

## Key Programs and/or Initiatives

- ❖ Partners In Prevention Program (PIPP)
- ❖ First Responder SOR Naloxone Trainings & Distribution
- ❖ Media Campaigns (Opioid, Alcohol, Marijuana, Meth, Tobacco, & Vaping)
- ❖ Prevention Clubhouses (5)
- ❖ SPF Suicide Prevention
- ❖ Peer Assisted Student Transition Project (elementary to middle and middle to high school mentoring)
- ❖ Georgia Teen Institute
- ❖ Voices For Prevention
- ❖ Educational Summits (Youth, Athletes, Suicide, Mens)
- ❖ Non-Traditional Substance Misuse Prevention Sites—barbershops, hair salons
- ❖ Health/Cultural Fairs & Large-scale events

## State Service Delivery:

- **# of coalitions:** 40 CPAWs (Community Prevention Alliance Workgroups)
- **# of programs:** 65
- **# of service providers:** 103
- **Service delivery structure:** 6 Regions, 159 Counties, and Statewide Projects.
- **Contracting Process:** Procurements, Direct Contracting (RFP, SON, & Sole Source)

## Key Results and/or Outcomes

- GSHS has shown differences in change over time between intervention counties and Non-Intervention counties (Alcohol use during the past 30 days; drunk driving during the past 30 days; and riding with someone who had been drinking). Decreases in 2012-15 were greater for intervention counties than non-intervention counties.
- Prevention providers reported an increase in average community readiness from FY2017 to FY2020 and now rate most of their communities as in the Preplanning or Preparation stages (Rural communities are more ready for prevention activities than are urban or mixed communities).
- Providers faced either minor (38%) or major (62%) disruptions to strategy implementation due to COVID-19.

- **Reporting Data System:** ECCO reporting system, Prospectus Group, Inc. contractor.
- **Funding Sources:** Primarily Federal funding - SAPTBG, ARPA, COVID 19 Supplemental, SOR. Minimal State funds.
- **Synar:** RVR  
*T21 Law – (Y)*

# Office of Prevention Services

**THANK YOU**

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Sheree Ralston

*Community Outreach Manager, Office of Communications*

December 12, 2024



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# **FLAME OF HOPE AWARDS**



**November 2024**

**DBHDD's Flame of Hope Awards recognize individuals throughout the state who “fan the flames of hope” and further our mission and values.**

**This year, the Department selected 10 award recipients out of 150 nominations from community leaders, board members, staff, affiliated organizations and providers.**

**VIDEO RECORDING:  
[FACEBOOK.COM/GEORGIADBHDD](https://www.facebook.com/georgiadbhdd)**



# FLAME OF HOPE AWARDS



November 2024

**“Hope won...Countless Georgians will know that we have heard their despair and frustration. We have set Georgia on a path to lifting up and reforming a failed mental health care system.”**

**- Speaker David Ralston**



2024 Master of Ceremonies  
Miss Ella Marchese

# FLAME OF HOPE AWARDS

November 2024



2024 Flame of Hope Award Winners

# FLAME OF HOPE AWARDS

November 2024



## Looking Ahead for 2025:

- Increase outreach to individuals with lived experience
- Encourage more nominations for individuals with developmental disabilities



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# Chair's Report

Lasa Joiner

*Chair*

# Public Comment





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