

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Georgia Board of Public Health seeks public input as it begins planning for future spending**

**ATLANTA** – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and its Board of Public Health will seek public input as the agency begins to plan for the state fiscal year 2013 amended and 2014 general budgets. In an effort to strengthen community involvement, a public budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3142.

The hearing will allow the community, interest groups, lawmakers, etc., to voice thoughts on how to use DPH resources.

The public is welcome to submit comments. Those interested in speaking at the meeting are asked to submit their intention to attend along with a copy of their comments to David Bayne ([dmbayne@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:dmbayne@dhr.state.ga.us)) by Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that speakers will be limited to a 3 minute time frame.

Members of the media and public may attend. Please sign in with security in the lobby to pick up a badge to access the meeting.

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#### **About the Georgia Department of Public Health**

The Georgia Department of Public Health is the lead agency in preventing disease, injury and disability; promoting health and well-being; and preparing for and responding to disasters from a health perspective. In 2011, the General Assembly restored DPH to its own state agency after more than 30 years of consolidation with other departments. At the state level, DPH functions through numerous divisions, sections, programs and offices. Locally, DPH funds and collaborates with Georgia's 159 county health



departments and 18 public health districts. Through the changes, the mission has remained constant – to protect the lives of all Georgians. Today, DPH's main functions include: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Maternal and Child Health, Infectious Disease and Immunization, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Emergency Medical Services, Pharmacy, Nursing, Volunteer Health Care, the Office of Health Equity, Vital Records, and the State Public Health Laboratory. For more information about DPH, visit [www.health.state.ga.us](http://www.health.state.ga.us).