



A Message From Our CEO

The FDHA prides itself on being a high-functioning administrative and operations agency, with Stewardship, Transparency, Accountability and Professionalism as its core values. The innovative strategies and initiatives that we implement continue to support the delivery of quality healthcare and preventive services to ensure health equity for all residents of Fulton and DeKalb counties. It is an honor to bring you this newsletter and highlight some of our great work in the community.

~ Jevon Gibson



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**The Fulton-DeKalb
Hospital Authority**

Owner of Grady Health System

National Observances

March is National Nutrition Month!

Throughout March, and year round, celebrate by going Beyond the Table! Dive into the farm-to-fork aspect of nutrition and explore the various ways and places we eat.

To learn more, visit: <http://sm.eatright.org/NNM>.

#NationalNutritionMonth



Community Innovation Projects

In January and February 2023, The FDHA released two cooperative agreement funding opportunities to address the three core priority areas reflected in the 2023-2026 FDHA Strategic Plan. Those three priority areas include access to care, social determinants of health, and mental health.

Seven community-based organizations and health systems and 4 faith-based organizations were selected to implement Community Innovations Projects (CIP) in Fulton and DeKalb counties. The primary focus areas for the 7 community-based organizations and health systems is access to care and social determinants of health; while mental health is the primary focus area for the 4 faith-based organizations.

All 11 programs are being funded for a 3-year period (2023-2026), to provide ample opportunity for implementation of activities.

The 11 organizations that are currently funded under CIP are:

Access to Care Awards

- AID Atlanta (Fulton County)
- Sister Love, Inc. (Fulton County)
- Status Home (Fulton County)
- Mercy Care (Fulton and DeKalb County)
- Southside Medical Center (Fulton County)
- Physicians Care Clinic (DeKalb County)
- Georgia State University, Perimeter (DeKalb County)

Mental Health Awards (Faith Based Initiative)

- The dREAM Center (DeKalb County)
- New Life Church (DeKalb County)
- Impact Church (Fulton County)
- New Horizon Baptist Church (Fulton County)

To connect with a CIP Partner, please email communityinnovations@thefdha.org.



Community Health Worker Initiative

In 2023, The FDHA launched a Community Health Worker Initiative (CHWI). The CHWI uses a community-centered and person-centered approach to improve health outcomes in Fulton and DeKalb counties.

Working in partnership with community stakeholders, The FDHA CHWs are committed to addressing concerns around access to care, social determinants of health, & mental health issues. CHWs will assist The FDHA with connecting community members to various health and social service systems and resources, in Fulton and DeKalb Counties.

To connect to the CHWI Team, email chwinitiative@thefdha.org.



Career Development Program Spotlight

The FDHA recognizes the importance of building and strengthening the public health and healthcare workforce. As such, The (FDHA) is committed to supporting the EMS community within Fulton and DeKalb counties. In October 2023, The FDHA provided scholarship opportunities to 6 women who met the required qualifications for the Grady EMS Academy training program for EMTs, AEMTs, and Paramedics. The scholarships provided covered the full cost of the training program and all associated fees (including exam fees, uniforms, and other resources).

Meet the 2023 FDHA EMS Scholarship Recipients



**Elizabeth "Lizzy" Wright,
EMT-B Candidate**

I chose a career in EMS after having the opportunity to serve as a Medical Assistant Intern for a local Health Center and undergoing an experience in global healthcare. I felt a growing passion for the inhabitants of Atlanta not receiving adequate healthcare. In response, I believe the best way to give back to my city is through serving in a way that serves everyone: becoming an EMS professional.



**Kamia Burch-Green,
EMT-B Candidate**

I chose a career in EMS because emergency medicine is something that I've always been passionate about! I have always wanted to be a doctor, and as I've grown up learning about other careers and opportunities, I have been led to become an EMS. I am excited to help save lives and become a healthcare professional who can be an example for more people who look like me.



**Jace Tate,
EMT-B Candidate**

I chose a career in EMS, because of my passion to help people and choosing to be the change in the community while saving lives. I've always wanted to be in the medical field since I was a little girl, and now that I'm older I see all the opportunities that I could take to advance in this career path. I'm happy to have taken this route, and I can't wait to see where the future takes me as I complete EMT school.



**Shaniyah Turner,
EMT-B Candidate**

I chose a career in EMS because, I want to make a difference in people's lives, no matter how big or small. Life can be unpredictable and I always knew that I wanted to work in the healthcare system, so that I could help people. Being an EMS Technician means I have the opportunity to meet amazing people and provide care with compassion.

Advanced EMT Candidate



Carla Moore, EMT-A Candidate

I chose a career in EMS because I wanted to do something where I was giving back to the community that gave to me. I was raised in a single parent household where we had to depend on the help of close family and friends. I am the oldest of seven, so there were a lot of opportunities that I missed as I child due to being needed by my family. I thank God for my mother for not giving up, but also to the people around us that insisted on being there for us.



Grady Spotlight

The Grady Spotlight serves as a tribute to the dedicated staff members within the Grady Health System who tirelessly contribute to their community's well-being.

Through their inspiring stories, we shine a spotlight on their exceptional efforts and the positive impacts they create. This quarter we put the spotlight on Social Worker, Lisa Harris.

To watch the full interview, click [here](#) or on the image above.



FAQs

What is Medicaid “Unwinding?”

“**Unwinding**” refers to a new mandatory renewal process that began on April 1, 2023, and ends in June of 2024. **ALL** enrolled members will be assessed for eligibility. Members who are no longer eligible will be disenrolled.

How does it work?

Existing members will receive a letter or email from the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) about 45 days before your redetermination deadline (your review for eligibility). The letter will contain the steps you need to take to verify eligibility.

What should I do?

Visit staycovered.ga.gov and make sure your information is up to date in Georgia Gateway. When you receive your letter, complete all the steps listed and provide any requested documents.

What if I need help?

The Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority (FDHA) has a community health worker team available to answer any questions you may have and connect you to resources.

Medicaid Unwinding

In Georgia and across the country, Medicaid redetermination began in April 2023, after being halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Since July 2023, The FDHA, in collaboration with several partners, has been working diligently to educate and support Fulton and DeKalb residents who have been or may be affected by Medicaid Unwinding. This support includes providing educational materials, social media messages and community health worker and navigator services to help navigate the redetermination process.

For more information and to “Get MedicaidEd” please visit www.getmedicaided.org.

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