



Insights for the Quarter

This Quarter's newsletter for the Share Health Southeast Georgia Board of Directors focuses on health education centered around National Mental Health Awareness Month, National Public Health Week, World Immunization Week, National Prevention Week, and continuous material of COVID-19. Education on these topics are done via social media posts and flyer development. Share Health has awarded three traditional scholarship recipients from Toombs, and Brantley County. April Thomason presented the scholarship in Toombs County to Aspen Johnson, and Ashlynn Morris. Stephanie Watson awarded Jenna Riggins with a Share Health scholarship in Brantley County. Share Health also had one non-traditional scholarship recipient, Rhonda Rai. She is employed with the Southeast Health District Wellness Center in Bulloch County. These scholarships are given to high school seniors, and non-traditional applicants who want to pursue a career in the health professions. Way to go Share Health! **The next board meeting is July 12th and will be in-person in Douglas beginning at noon. Details regarding location will be emailed to Board members.**

Board Member Highlight **Hollard Phillips, MS, MPH** Health Specialist



Our Share Health Highlight this Quarter shines a spotlight on Board Member Hollard G. Phillips, MS, MPH. He is a Health Specialist with Action Pact's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Action Pact service areas are Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Candler, Clinch, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Pierce, Toombs, and Ware counties. Hollard is married and is the father to four children and three stepchildren. He is a part-time Instructor at South Georgia State College. Hollard is originally from Douglas, Georgia. He has a Master's degree from Valdosta State University where he majored in Sociology and Counseling and Master of Public Health degree from Emory University in Atlanta. He retired from the Southeast Health District in Waycross after 34 years of service. Hollard's life goal is to serve Christ in a way that leads others to Him. His vision for Share Health to make a positive difference and impact on whatever our focus will be for his time on the Share Health Board of Directors. Coming from a public health background, addressing health disparities has always been one of his top priorities. Hollard enjoys reading, writing, traveling and yard work. He loves Christian education and serves as the Dean of Christian education for his Church Association. He has truly enjoyed being a part of the Share Health Board of Directors and is thankful for being a part of something special. Thank you, Hollard, for your commitment to Share Health and its mission. We look forward to working with you for the remainder of your term and after!

Highlight of an area of work: COVID-19 Contract

Ayanna Parrish was recently hired as our Lead COVID-19 Health Equity Navigator. She is a rising 2nd year Master of Public Health student in Health Administration and Policy at Georgia Southern University. Also, Seo yon and Terika have conducted student informal interviews at Georgia Southern University to get insight on young adults' perspectives on the COVID-19 vaccine. A second round of interviews were implemented to address why students weren't getting their booster shots. Christy Foskey, Executive Director of Charlie's Place Recovery Community Organization, received a contract to help address vaccine hesitancy in the recovery community. COVID-19 rates have been constant over the past 3 months with Charlton, Brantley, Bacon, Jeff Davis, and Pierce having the lowest percentages for fully vaccinated persons. Intercept interviews were assessed among Georgia Southern University's students, and residents in Baxley at the CHAC 5K event to address vaccine hesitancy. PPE items were distributed at the National Crime Victims' Rights Week 5K in Baxley, GA. Additionally, Southeast Georgia Communities Project (SEGCP) continues to interview community members across the 16 counties about their perspectives on the COVID-19 vaccination. Ayanna Parrish joined Share Health as the Lead COVID-19 Health Equity Navigator. Terika Williams, Special Projects Manager Assistant, and Seo yon Kwon, Data Analyst Intern, graduated from Georgia Southern University with their Master of Public Health degree. We wish them much success on their future endeavors! The COVID-19 Team will be attending several upcoming events including the Blueberry Festival in Bacon County, the Free Fit Fun class in Appling County and the Juneteenth event in Tattnall County. Several interviews are scheduled with Action Pact staff, parents and healthcare professionals. Share Health will also be receiving COVID-19 test kits in the near future from the Southeast Health District to distribute at community events!



Past and Upcoming Coalition Events

Jeff Davis Substance Abuse Coalition (JDSAC) & Wayne County Recovery Coalition

- JDSAC and WCRC have returned to in person meetings. JDSAC is currently planning a Recovery in the Park event for September, which is National Recovery Month. Recovery communities from all counties are welcome to join us! Tanesha Slocumb, Share Health Special Projects Manager, is working with a group in Jeff Davis County to organize this event. Barbara Bruno and Tanesha Slocumb worked closely with two consultants to submit a Drug Free Communities Support Program grant for JDSAC, which was submitted in early April. Jeff Davis Hospital is the lead on the application. The goal of the program is to reduce alcohol and tobacco use (especially vaping) among the county's youth. The project will increase youth and adult awareness of the harms, risks & consequences of underage alcohol and tobacco use through family and youth education and changes in policies. They will also improve the availability of programs and opportunities that promote positive youth development and protective factors. A DFCSPP application is planned for Wayne County in 2023.

Coalition for a Healthy Appling County (CHAC)

- CHAC is hosting a Free, Fit, Fun event on June 11th at the Jones Community Center. The event will focus on diabetes and hypertension prevention. Barbara Bruno led development of the Appling Partners for Health strategic plan and revised work plan, which was submitted to the federal project officer. Dwight Williams collected and compiled data for the year-end federal report for APH, which was due at the end of May. In February, APH began the program's remote patient monitoring (RPM) component. This component provides remote monitoring of patients with high risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD) complications and is enrolling eligible patients at East Georgia Healthcare Center's clinic in Baxley. Appling Healthcare System is the liaison for PharmD on Demand, which monitors patients and provides real time data to EGHC clinicians so that medication adjustments can quickly be made. By ensuring access for those most at risk for CVD and diabetes, APH and CHAC continues to help residents reach their full potential for good health.

Share Health Updates

We said goodbye to Seo yon Kwon, Share Health Data Analyst, and Terika Williams, Program Assistant, in May. Both Seo yon and Terika graduated from Georgia Southern University's Jiann Ping Hsu College of Public Health with their Masters in Public Health. After returning to Korea to visit her family, Seo yon will be moving to Florida to begin a Master's Program there. Terika was hired by the Southeast Health District. She will continue the work she started at Share Health on Covid-19 outreach for the SEHD. We wish them both well in their new endeavors! We welcome Ayanna Parrish as our Lead Covid 19 Health Equity Navigator. She is a rising 2nd year Master of Public Health student in Health Administration and Policy at Georgia Southern University.

Health Observances for the Quarter

Share Health's social media continues to focus on COVID-19, mental health, World Immunization Week, National Public Health Week. During May, social media posts highlighted National Mental Health Awareness Month. Posts include information and statistics about children's mental health and activities to develop mentally well youth for all ages. Also, posts focused on the importance of getting parents and children vaccinated and specifics on which vaccines have been approved for each age group and common side effects. National Prevention Week posts focused on the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health. Information about these topics were posted on Share's Health Facebook and Instagram pages weekly. Everyone should continue practicing safe measures regarding COVID-19 such as wearing a mask, avoiding large gatherings, and sanitizing surfaces daily. We encourage everyone to get your vaccinations and boosters to keep yourself and your loved ones well.

Highlight of Coalition for a Healthy Appling County (CHAC)



CHAC's National Crime Victims' Rights 5K Event

On Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 9am, 38 enthusiastic runners lined up under the "Start" line for the CHAC's 1st annual National Crime Victims' Rights 5K. National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) was held April 24-30th this year. Since 1981, NCVRW has challenged the Nation to confront and remove barriers to achieving justice for all victims of crime. The 2022 NCVRW theme was Rights, access, equity, for all victims. The runners were joined by the Police Chief of Baxley, Jeffery Taylor; the Sheriff of Appling County, Mark Melton; family members of domestic violence victims such as Tara Carter and family; the Charlotte Floyd Gore staff; Anytime Fitness of Baxley staff; Share Health Southeast Georgia staff; and plenty of police officers and sheriff deputies. Before the race began, Jeffery Taylor, Mark Melton, Tara Carter, and Anne Jackson read aloud the names of domestic violence victims being honored in Appling County. It was a simple way to honor the victims and remind the families of victims that they are not forgotten. All of the runners did a fantastic job! The first participant finished the race in 25 minutes! Share Health's very own Board member, David Glass, received second place in his age division. Additionally, Terika Williams, placed 3rd in the female category for ages 20-29. On behalf of CHAC, we would like to thank HealthIE Community Center for their generous donation of \$2,500 and being named our Platinum Level Sponsor. We would also like to thank South Georgia Primary Care, Pineland Bank, Segura's Taqueria y Teinda, United Faith Outreach Ministries, and Taqueria Don Juan for their monetary donations. We would like to give a special "thank you" to the Police Chief, Jeffery Taylor, for donating extra trophies to CHAC to give to the winners, and the Sheriff's Office for providing traffic control and blue ribbons with each victims' name. So many open doors, opportunities, and volunteers showed up through this experience. We can't wait to have National Crime Victims' Rights 5K become an annual event in Appling. Thank you everyone for showing up and showing out! All proceeds were donated to the Charlotte Floyd Gore Center in Baxley. Enjoy some pictures from the National Crime Victims' Rights 5K below!



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