

The Georgia Professional Health Program is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the well-being of medical and veterinary professionals in Georgia, providing confidential referral, treatment oversight, and monitoring of potentially impairing conditions, mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

Our goal is to ensure the health of healthcare professionals and to ensure that they are safe to practice in their specialty. Since August 2012, the Georgia PHP has provided services for physicians, physician assistants and respiratory therapists licensed in Georgia. In 2022, we began serving licensed veterinarians in Georgia as well.

The Georgia PHP is sponsored by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine and maintains an active relationship with these organizations to ensure the success of the Georgia PHP and its participants.



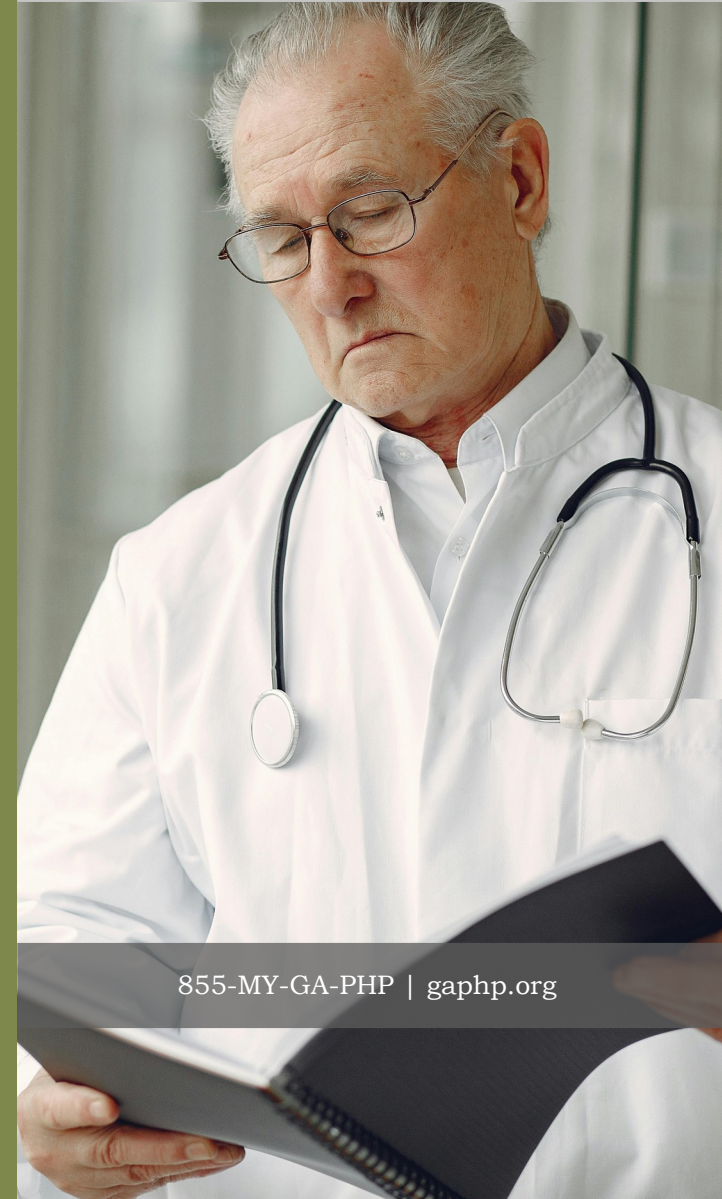
It is our belief that healthy professionals provide the best healthcare.

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## Our Objectives

- To **Educate** concerned parties, such as hospitals, medical associations, boards, and malpractice carriers about mental health and substance abuse issues among Georgia healthcare and veterinary professionals.
- To promote **Prevention** and early detection of these conditions through lectures, seminars, and other training venues.
- To provide **Intervention** for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, and veterinarians who need to enter medical care for mental health and substance abuse issues.
- To **Monitor** the status and safety of program participants once primary treatment has been completed.
- To **Coordinate** with and maintain the trust of the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine in order to balance participant's need for care with public safety.
- To oversee and provide **Quality Control** over the providers who offer treatment for Georgia PHP participants.
- To provide **Resources and Support** for the families of Georgia healthcare professionals monitored by the Georgia PHP.

Our Mission is to improve patient care and safety through early detection, referral to evaluation and/or treatment for Georgia's healthcare providers and veterinary professionals who are at risk to develop mental health conditions, such as stress, burnout, anxiety and other conditions including substance use disorders.

## The Georgia PHP Leadership

**Susan K. Blank, M.D., DFAPA, DFASAM**  
*Medical Director*

Dr. Blank has over 20 years of experience in the field of addiction. After obtaining her medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia, she completed a residency in Psychiatry and Neurology at Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She also received training in Forensics at the University of Virginia. Because of an interest in addiction, its diagnosis and treatment, she undertook specialized training in Addiction Medicine at the Talbott Recovery Campus under the direction of Dr. G. Doug Talbott. Recognizing that the most effective treatment for a patient with the disease of addiction involves the whole body, she obtained additional training, and completed a Fellowship and Advanced Fellowship training in Anti-aging and Regenerative Medicine.

**Robin F. McCown**  
*Executive Director*

Robin McCown is a healthcare and rehabilitation specialist with 30+ years of experience in addiction and mental health treatment focused on outreach and referral development. She is a founding Board Member and has been the Executive Director for Georgia Professional Health Program, Inc., the Physician Health Program for the state of Georgia since its doors opened in August 2012. Ms. McCown is a past Treasurer of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs. She has served as the Executive Director of the Georgia Chapter of the Society of Addiction Medicine and has previously worked as a professional outreach coordinator for various national specialty treatment facilities with specific experience in working with professional health programs. She has also served on the Advisory Commission of Lawyers Assistance Programs and is a past Treasurer for the North Georgia EAPA Executive Board.