



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code) Georgia Partnership For Telehealth, Inc., 914 Memorial Dr. Waycross, GA 31501	2. Award Identification Number 13-43-B10576
3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of your award period. This should include a description of federal expenditures to date, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any delays or challenges. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i>  From August to September the following FTE's have been hired and have begun work on program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Director - Project implementation and management of BTOP Project.</li><li>• Financial Officer - Responsible all financial information pertaining to BTOP, responsible for drawing funds and maintaining proper documentation and reporting on funds spent.</li><li>• HIT Information Officer - Assist IT administrator in network management, hardware and software installation, HIPPA compliance, and risk management.</li><li>• Clinical Officer - Provide oversight-collaboration with rural and specialty providers, school nurse program, mental health programs, utilization review</li><li>• 2 Rural Liaisons - Onsite provider training, program development, community activities and awareness;</li></ul> In September we held a BTOP training retreat for new BTOP FTE's and current liaisons. During the retreat we discussed in detail the project scope, project outlines, and deliverables.  In September we began contacting partnering sites that were outlined in the project scope. There are a total of 64 sites. All sites have been contacted and notified of award.  Work with Strategic Health Partners has begun. SHP has begun building the database that will house physician information. Hometown Health has begun working on the education and training piece that will be vital to Broadband Adoption piece of Teleconnect Georgia for Better Health program.  We began contacting web designers to receive quotes for development for www.teleconnectga.com website.  Restructured financial accounting system to track grant expenditures  The main challenge we face at this point is sites not being able to partner due to funding restraints. The grant requires partners to pay a small portion of the cost of the equipment, which can still be difficult as many struggle to meet budget. Another challenge that we face is acceptance of technology and change. Setting up and running a telemedicine system is a technical venture, and many rural areas struggle with the idea of using technology to do medicine.  No funds have been drawn to date.	

4. Performance Projections (Q2)

*Please describe your anticipated project activities and progress for the next quarter. This should include a description of federal expenditures, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any potential delays or challenges you foresee. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., equipment purchases, outreach activities, training programs) to help structure your answer. (500 words or less)*

We have made contact with the initial 64 sites that were initially listed in the grant. We have received contracts from approximately 10 of these sites and await responses from others. We have begun ordering equipment and are in the process of installing equipment and training end-users on how to use equipment.

Hometown Health will develop and standardize provider education and staff training.

Hometown Health in conjunction with project director will develop materials and schedule events for TCGBH awareness campaign.

Strategic Health Partners will have database used to capture physician information completed. SHP will also have completed list of target sites within the 91 counties of persistent poverty for broadband awareness campaign.

Completion of [www.teleconnectga.com](http://www.teleconnectga.com) website.

Attend BTOP Conference in Washington, DC

Funds being used this quarter will be used for the following:

- Equipment purchase
- Teleconnect Georgia website
- Employee salaries and travel expenses
- Database design (SHP)

Projected expenditures for quarter approximately \$314,219.

**5. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.**

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5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	5e. Date Report Submitted ( <i>Month, Day, Year</i> ) <b>10/28/2010</b>

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