Georgia Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP) Consortiums

- Since the 2005-2006 grant year Georgia State
 Office of Rural Health has offered program
 consortiums to maximize purchasing power through
 economies of scale and shared learning.
 - Focused areas: Value Based Purchasing and Payment Bundling or Prospective Payment Systems



Program Highlights

- Technology
 - Analytic support
 - Quality Reporting
- Quality Improvement/Patient Safety training
 - TeamSTEPPS
 - Lean
- Financial Processes
 - Revenue Cycle
 - S-10 Cost Reporting
 - ICD-10



Program highlights

- Investment built capacity for continued service
- Each consortium offers onsite consultation
- Cohort learning opportunities
 - Webinars
 - Group face to face meetings



Logistics

- Consortiums are created by stakeholder groups serving rural hospitals
 - Georgia Hospital Association
 - HomeTown Health
 - Draffin and Tucker
 - Georgia Rural Health Association



Logistics

- Consortiums prepare programs related to SHIP domains
 - Approval by SORH
 - Approval by FORHP Project Officer
- Approved programs are distributed with applications to qualified hospitals



Logistics

- Grant Models
 - Consortium is grantee
 - Hospitals are direct grantees

- Lessons learned
 - Consortium grantee model is preferred
 - Quarterly reports

