# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Objectives and Achievements

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<td>- Service Level Agreements signed with 16 agencies, including DSP.</td>
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<td>- HR personnel transferred to DHR as of July 1, 2019</td>
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<td>- Onboarding System - Evaluated 12 vendor proposals for the RFI</td>
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<td>- E-Personnel Records - Functional requirements were developed by the e-Personnel File Workgroup</td>
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<td><strong>GEAR-P3 Innovation and Efficiency Award (GEAR P-3 Award)</strong> - Two teams were presented awards on May 9 with incentives provided to team members totaling $20,000</td>
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<td><strong>First State Quality Improvement</strong> – Program was reinstated and funded at $150,000 to provide training to State employees</td>
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## In Progress

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<td>- Collaborating with several agencies to establish, track and monitor mutually agreed upon performance standards</td>
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<td>- Establish roadmap to for consistent process improvement</td>
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<td>- Implementing eSTAR effective July 21, 2019</td>
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<td>- Onboarding – waiting results of vendor proposal evaluations, defining the workflow for onboarding related to benefits, coordinating with DTI to incorporate the IT Onboarding</td>
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<td>- Evaluating tracking systems for DHR processes and programs</td>
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## Next Steps (Future Activities)

- Begin process map for the Reclassification processes.
- Work with Pensions Office, Treasurer’s Office, Benefits Office, and the Onboarding workgroup to begin the process to create a draft onboarding curriculum.
- Obtain cost proposals for an Onboarding System for the budget process.
- Draft an RFP for Electronic Personnel Records in FY20. Work with agency HR personnel to flowchart processes and identify opportunities for improvement.
- **Compensation Study** – DHR working with vendor (Segal) to finalize HR system recommendations to automate and enhance our Classification/Compensation processes by the mid-July, 2019.

## Challenges (Issues and Risks affecting your effort)

- Resources and support for centralize HR technology solutions: Onboarding, Electronic Personnel Records, and Complaint, Investigation, and Request Tracking.
- Agency engagement and participation.
- Addressing misconceptions of what HR Centralization means.
- Personnel Funding – addressing funding sources and uniqueness for each agency related to centralization of personnel.
- Timekeeping – requires a plan including cost for migrating to a central timekeeping system.
- **Compensation Study** – Magnitude of implementation may require phased-in approach.
## Objectives and Achievements

### TALENT ACQUISITION – Resetting Recruitment and Retention

**Objective:**
Develop a best practice for filling vacancies in the shortest time with excellent customer service using technology and GEAR principles.

**Achievements:**
- Achieved alignment with agency HR leads on the overall Talent Acquisition Strategic Plan that incorporates each agency’s workforce analysis data including hires, vacancies, hard-to-fill, time to hire and EEO-AA demographics and action plans. Continue to meet with each agency’s HR team to identify agency recruitment and retention objectives, process improvement targets, and alignment on recruitment metrics to measure process efficiency.
- **DHSS:** Casual/Seasonal Nurse Recruiting Manager is using Zip Recruiter to source nursing resumes. Qualified applicants are shared with DHSS Nurse Leadership statewide. Developed talent pipeline relationships with area schools for CNA’s, LPN’s and RN’s.
- **DOC:** Completed the FY18-19 Recruitment and Retention Pilot Incentive Bonus Program. Previously DOC had 260 vacant correctional officer positions and now as of June 19, 2019 there are 164 vacant positions, of which 45 are entry level CO positions, being actively recruited.
- **JUDICIAL:** Pay for Parking Recruitment and Retention Program for Wilmington-based Court employees started April, 1, 2019. Out of 453/520 employees are actively participating.
- **DOS:** Implemented Recruitment and Retention Pilot Incentive Bonus Program in December, 2019 focused on attracting and recruiting CNA, LPN and RN nursing talent into Veterans Home Long-Term Care facility.

### Employment Services - Functional Process Improvement

- Redesigning the online application form to improve applicant experience, reduce redundancies, and streamline the application process.
- Mapping Employment Services procedures to adjust processes in order to eliminate waste, and shorten the time-to-fill process cycle.
- Reviewing Merit Hiring Guide toward developing improved hiring process guidelines to be made available to HR and hiring managers to increase consistency and accountability across all agencies.

### Market and Advertising RFI

- Initial Phase I funding was approved in the FY2020 budget to procure marketing and advertising consulting services to focus on developing a major campaign to highlight the State of Delaware as the employer of choice. Talent Acquisition will begin working with the vendor in July 2019 on the initial project scope. We will continue to review DHR funding options to pursue Phase 2 of this initiative.

## In Progress

### Talent acquisition strategy

- Partnering with agencies to develop agency specific Talent acquisition strategies with specific recruitment metrics. Actively working with DNREC, DOS, DOF, and DOL to identify agency recruitment and retention objectives, recruitment process improvement targets, and get alignment on recruitment metrics to measure process efficiency, effectiveness and accountability. We will continue to collaborate with other agency HR leads to create specific recruitment plans designed for each agency.

### Challenges (Issues and Risks affecting your effort)

- Implement Talent Acquisition Strategic Plan
  - Work with agency HR leads and hiring managers to develop agency specific recruitment action plans.
  - Establish benchmarks and metrics for hiring process improvements.
  - Continue applicant outreach for best customer service.
  - Create collaborative marketing and advertising strategy
  - Aggressively pursue nursing talent through Nurse Recruiting manager

- Talent Acquisition – Ability to:
  - Maintain a high level of agency engagement and participation.
  - Make meaningful process improvements in the time-to-fill applicant flow process to increase the speed of hiring.
  - Address job offers with non-competitive pay, and offer flexible job scheduling options that may be competitively attractive to some applicants given current contractual obligations.
  - Securing continued funding for State of Delaware recruitment marketing and advertising campaign.
### Objectives and Achievements

**REDUCE HEALTH CARE OPERATING COSTS**

**Objective:** Offer State employees/retirees/dependents adequate access to high quality healthcare at affordable cost while promoting healthy lifestyles and engaged consumers.

**Achievements:**
- Implemented copay differentials to encourage use of preferred sites of care resulting in a 5.8% decrease in visits to high-tech non-preferred facilities and a 32% increase in the ratio of urgent care to ER visits
- Increased copays for non-preferred lab sites in July 2018 resulting in a 7% increase in preferred lab utilization in the second quarter of FY19
- Enhanced care management programs and services resulting in an 80% engagement rate through FY19 Q3 for those identified as eligible.
- Promoted interactive and targeted tools leading to 21.9% utilization of myBenefitsMentor Consumer Decision online tool; 53.9% viewing of the “What’s New Video” and 84.7% overall employee participation in 2019 Benefits Open Enrollment
- Established additional committees of the State Employee Benefits Committee to allow for in-depth look into cost drivers and health policy
- Launched a new, mobile and consumer-friendly website focused on providing users with easy access to important information
- Developed and distributed posters and other communications to remind members to use lower cost preferred sites of service when appropriate for lab, imaging and urgent care

**Next Steps (Future Activities):**
- Educate members about their benefit plans by providing online videos, training and other communications.
- Enhance the SBO website with hospital quality and safety information and tools. Promote information to members.
- Explore and consider transparency and consumerism tools and services with State Employee Benefits Committee
- Evaluate impacts of health policy and legislation related to the Healthcare Benchmark and Primary Care on the Group Health Program

**In Progress:**
- Supporting primary care and advancing value based care through ongoing reporting and negotiation of third party administrator contract terms
- Implementing a Surgeons of Excellence network of providers and facilities that can provide high quality service at a lower cost for pre-planned procedures
- Focusing on addressing the prevalence of pre-diabetes and diabetes through promotion of and participation in free programs and services
- Providing scorecards to employer organizations which provide key engagement and health status measurements on employees enrolled in a State health plan and intended to assist in the development of agency specific education and awareness campaigns
- Staff participation in an education and training program focused on measurement of and advocacy for hospital quality and safety and effective methods of member steerage to preferred providers and sites for care
- Implementing smart technology to assist consumers to identify gaps in care and areas where they can focus and set goals for healthy living.
- Developing a Disability Insurance Program curriculum for employee and Human Resources/Benefit Representatives
- Educating enrolled members about benefit plans by providing online videos, training and other communications
- Developing a Request for Proposal for a third party administrator for best in class infertility benefits administration

**Challenges (Issues and Risks affecting your effort):**
- Engaging and expanding members understanding on the importance of using preferred sites and getting preventive care
- Offering benefit plan types, plan design and cost to satisfy changing needs of employees and pensioners while remaining within budgetary constraints
- Maintaining compliance with all federal and state legislation and mandates including Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Leveraging HR centralization and union partners DSEA, DSTA, COAD, AFSCME to further engage employees regarding benefit programs and consumerism
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| **Insurance Coverage - Reduce Workers’ Compensation Costs**  
Objective: To reduce the lost time days and incurred costs from workers’ compensation injuries.  
Achievements:  
- Reduced lost work days from average of 54 to 52 days  
- Reduced overall costs compared to medical inflation rate  
- Conducted safety training to 453 state agency participants in 21 classes  
- 97.1% of all participants in the program reporting electronically.  
- 6.3% increase in circulation of the Insurance Coverage Office “Safety Matters” newsletter. |  
- Provide Training on Safety & Risk Management Services & Incident Reporting  
- Continue statewide property inspections of State insured properties to insure and eliminate unsafe conditions; currently inspect 40 State properties annually  
- Increase participation of agencies using the Return to Work – the earlier injured employees return the work, in any capacity, results in the reduction of overall direct and indirect costs to the State.  
- Communicate Results – provide agencies with quarterly reports on workers’ compensation costs, lost days, timely reporting, and causes of losses driving costs  
- Expand electronic reporting of injuries |

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- Provide safety training to Executive Branch agencies (100% participation)  
- Establish Statewide Safety Program  
- Reduce Return-to-Work Time through outreach to participants of the workers’ compensation program on return to work program. This program allows the injured worker to return to work on restricted duty for a limited period of time  
- Further aggressive claims handling through our third party administrator to control cost  
- Bi-yearly stewardship meetings with the third party administrator to monitor state’s workers’ compensation cost |  
- Safety & Loss Control Participant Engagement  
- Non-Executive Branch Buy-in with Return-to-Work Program and Safety & Loss Control |