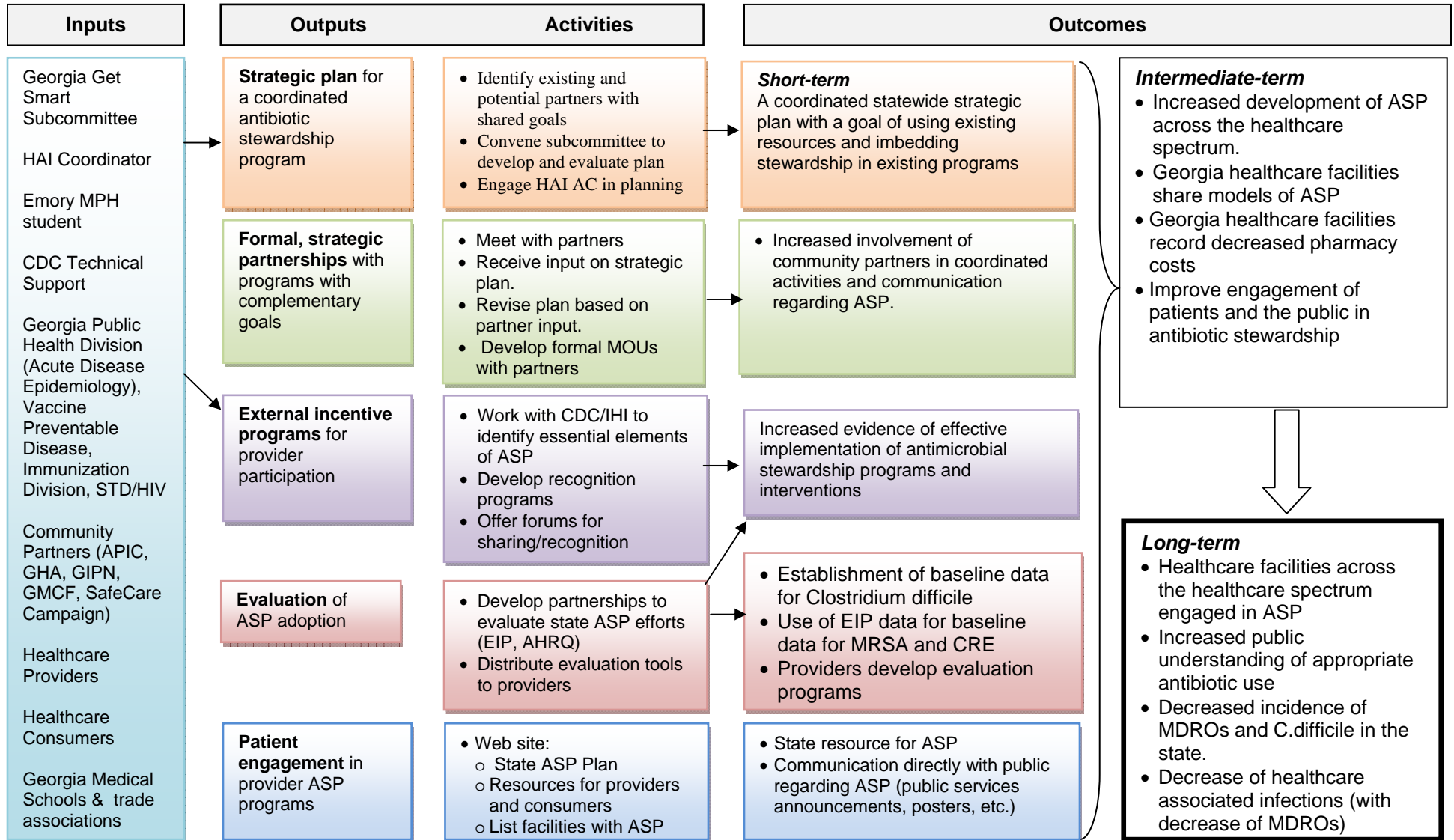


The Georgia Antibiotic Stewardship Plan (ASP): Antibiotic stewardship is processes to measure and optimize the appropriate use of antibiotics. Given their societal value and the diminishing effectiveness of antimicrobial resistance, Georgia supports antibiotic stewardship across the healthcare spectrum.

Background: GDPH is interested in developing a statewide antibiotic stewardship program. To develop a sustainable program with limited funding, GDPH seeks to leverage existing relationships, identify and establish new relationships with complimentary programs, and identify, develop (when necessary), and distribute tools to support these efforts.

Approach: The project will phase-in different levels of care facilities. Phase 1 will begin with acute care facilities; Phase 2 with long-term care facilities, and Phase 3 with outpatient facilities. Each phase will cover approximately one year corresponding to the calendar, and at the conclusion of each Phase, the program will be evaluated to inform subsequent phases. Each phase will include communication with public and patients.



Assumptions: Internal (GDPH) and external partners will come together to address antibiotic resistance.

External Factors: Competing Interest; lack of funding; support from community partners.