

Delta States Rural Development Network Program Peer Learning Seminar (PLS)

September 12-13, 2018

Georgia State University College of Law
Knowles Conference Center
85 Park Place
Atlanta, GA 30303

Agenda

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

8:45 am **Welcome and Introductions**

Share the Story Behind Your Headline

Grantees will share the headlines they created by answering, “*What is the headline that best demonstrates your program’s success in 10 years?*”

Looking Back, to Look Forward

In small groups, grantees will reflect on and discuss what they have learned so far in implementing their programs, what more they need to know as they plan and prioritize for sustainability, what they can offer their communities and stakeholders to gain greater buy-in, and challenges they anticipate as they move forward.

Break

Applications in Adaptive Leadership

Adaptive leaders learn to live with unpredictability. They go through a continual process of challenge, adaptation, and learning, which readies them for the next challenge. Adaptive leaders represent the otherwise intangible qualities that great leaders have in common. During this session, participants will learn what it means to be an adaptive leader and hear about active learning opportunities to apply those concepts to their work.
Chris Parker, M.P.H., B.Sc., M.B.B.S., Director of Global and Population Health, Georgia Health Policy Center

12:30pm **Lunch** (*will be provided*)

1:30pm **Roundtable Learning Stations by Topic: Choose three 20-minute peer-led discussions**

Mental/ Behavioral Health (Jeff Franklin & Chelcie Osceni)

Evaluation (Jody Diebold & Lynn Hawkins)

Patient & Physician Recruitment & Retention (Loretta Wilson & Jinger Greer)

Partnering (Donna Newton/Amy Karam & Patrick Cowart)

Break

[Update from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy \(FORHP\)](#)

Alexa Ofori, MPH

Program Coordinator, Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program

Community Based Division, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Wrap up and Evaluations

4:30 pm **Adjourn**

Thursday, September 13, 2018

8:45 am **Welcome**

[Bringing the Future into Focus: Planning for Long-Term Sustainability](#)

The GHPC Technical Assistance Team will provide an overview of the Sustainability Plan Template required by FORHP. The team will take you through a step-by-step sustainability planning process to help prepare you for conversations and decision-making when you get back home. Learn tips for facilitating sustainability planning with Delta staff and partners.

Break

[Data-Driven Stories for Success and Sustainability](#)

Data help us understand the size, scope, importance, and urgency of any issue. To garner the support needed for the success and sustainability of your Delta State grant programs, audiences will need to hear some combination of data and stories, but that combination will be different for each audience. With this session participants will be able to see the story inherent in their data and convey it appropriately for different audiences through traditional charts, visual imagery or infographics, and social math.

Jean Synodinos, Communication & Social Marketing Consultant, Synodinos Consulting

Reflections

Grantees will reflect on the learnings of the Peer Learning Seminar and develop action items to implement once home. Accountability partners will be identified to offer support after the meeting.

Wrap Up and Evaluations

12:30pm **Boxed Lunches and Adjourn**