Using Evidence: Learning From Low-Cost Federal Evidence-Building Activities

October 30, 2019  |  9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
1800 F Street NW, Washington DC 20006  |  GSA Conference Center Room 1461

9:00 am  Check-in

9:30 am  Welcome and Introduction
Jessica Salmoiraghi, Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, GSA
Diana Epstein, Evidence Team Lead, Office of Management and Budget

9:45 am  Learning from Low-Cost Evaluations: 2019 Results from OES and Partners
How agencies are applying new evidence from low-cost evaluations in diverse program areas, including patient-generated health data, wage reporting, and vaccine uptake.

- Increasing Use of Patient-Generated Health Data - Stephanie Garcia - Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, HHS; Hassan Ahmed - Inova Health System; Pompa Debroy - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
- Timely Wage Reporting among SSI Recipients - Bob Weathers - Office of Retirement and Disability, SSA; Elana Safran - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
- Using Proactive Communication to Increase College Enrollment for Post-9/11 GI Bill Beneficiaries - Lucas Tickner - Veterans Benefits Administration, VA; Dennis Kramer - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
- Increasing Vaccine Uptake Among Veterans at the Atlanta VA Health Care System - Vincent Marconi - Atlanta VA Health Care System, VA and School of Medicine, Emory University; Pompa Debroy - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA

10:15 am  Learning from Unexpected Results
How to plan for unexpected results and use them to make policy decisions, develop learning agendas, and support ongoing evidence-building.

- Presentation of lessons and resources, with panel featuring:
  - Rekha Balu - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
  - Calvin Johnson - Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD
  - Susan Wilschke - Office of Research, Demonstration, and Employment Support, SSA

10:45 am  Learning from Administrative Data
How administrative data can be used to answer priority questions and generate evidence in key cross-agency priorities.

- Increasing FAFSA Completion by HUD-Assisted Youth - Jagruti Rekhi - Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD; Michael DiDomenico - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
- Reducing Inappropriate Prescribing of Quetiapine in Medicare Part D - Adam Sacarny - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA and Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- Using the Military Health System Opioid Registry to Identify and Reduce Concurrent Opioid-Benzodiazepine Prescriptions - Alan Sim - Enterprise Intelligence and Data Solutions, Defense Health Agency, DoD; Elana Safran - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA

11:15 am  Closing
OES 2019 Portfolio of Projects

Department of Health and Human Services
Increasing Use of Patient Generated Health Data through Patient Reminders
Increasing Use of Patient Generated Health Data through Provider Encouragement

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Increasing FAFSA Completion Among Public Housing Residents: NYCHA
Increasing FAFSA Completion Among Public Housing Residents: Seattle and King County
Increasing School Attendance in Seattle
Using Social Norms to Decrease Energy Use in Public Housing

Department of Labor
Improving Employment Services for UI Claimants in Oregon

Department of Veterans Affairs
Increasing Vaccine Uptake Among Veterans at the Atlanta VA Health Care System
Using Proactive Communication to Increase College Enrollment for Post-9/11 GI Bill Beneficiaries

General Services Administration
Increasing Survey Response to Improve USAGov Email Content

Social Security Administration
Communicating Employment Supports to Denied Disability Insurance Applicants
Timely Wage Reporting among SSI Recipients

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