

## 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](#)