

H-1B Rural Healthcare and One Workforce Grantee Virtual Convening Tuesday, February 1 – Wednesday, February 2, 2022 AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

12:00 PM – 12:30 P.M. ET OPENING PLENARY

The U.S. Department of Labor will welcome participants and share administration priorities on a variety of topics that intersect with the H-1B Rural Healthcare and One Workforce Grant Programs.

Brent Parton, Office of the Assistant Secretary, ETA/USDOL
Jenn Smith, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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12:30 PM – 12:15 P.M. ET BREAK

12:45 PM – 1:45 P.M. ET SESSION 1 - GRANTS MANAGEMENT PART 1: MONITORING REVIEWS

Monitoring Reviews can assist grantees in identifying strengths and areas of improvement—if you know how to utilize them. In this session, U.S. Department of Labor Federal Project Officers will present information on the monitoring review process, including its benefits and best practices. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions to gain clarification about this process.

Adrian Barrett, Atlanta Regional Office, ETA/USDOL
Marium Baker, Chicago Regional Office, ETA/USDOL
Kristen Milstead, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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1:45 PM – 2:00 P.M. ET BREAK

2:00 PM – 3:00 P.M. ET SESSION 2 - PARTICIPANT OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT

Effective outreach and recruitment strategies are fundamental to successful H-1B Skills Training grant programs, but it can be difficult to gauge your efforts. This session will cover the decision-making process to boost outreach and recruitment efforts to improve program participation and enrollments in job training programs.

Deborah Waymire, Tecumseh Area Partnership d/b/a Region 4 Workforce Board
Mellisa Leaming, Tecumseh Area Partnership d/b/a Region 4 Workforce Board
Craig Schmidt, Calumet Area Industrial Commission
Maya Kelley, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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3:00 PM – 3:15 P.M. ET BREAK

3:15 PM – 4:15 P.M. ET SESSION 3 - PEER TO PEER - STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPANT SERVICES: CASE MANAGEMENT, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND MORE

Participant success often depends on a program's ability to provide support to participants over the course of their participation. Examples of this include strong case management, job placement, and support services, such as internet access, remote learning equipment, transportation, and childcare. Learn from your peers about the tools and strategies they have used to support participant success.

Jillian Sample, Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc.

Jan Carver, California Rural Indian Health Board

Erienne Ramos, California Rural Indian Health Board

Ayreen Cadwallader, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

Kristi Ayers, SEMCA Workforce Intelligence Network

Jennifer Llewellyn, Oakland County Michigan Works!

Julie Parks, Grand Rapids Community College

Gregory Scheib, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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4:15 PM – 5:15 P.M. ET GRANTEE NETWORKING

This is an optional peer networking for Rural Healthcare and One Workforce grantees to meet and learn more about one another's programs. At this fun show and share session, each grantee should identify one physical object or printed image that represents their program. Grantees will share why they chose that object/image and how it represents their program.

Maya Kelley, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12:00 PM – 1:00 P.M. ET SESSION 4 - GRANTS MANAGEMENT PART 2: THE GRANT MODIFICATION PROCESS

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor will lead this session to discuss the grant modification process, including its requirements. They will also discuss common misconceptions regarding the modification process and take questions.

Elina Mnatsakanova, San Francisco Regional Office, ETA/USDOL

Kristen Milstead, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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1:15 PM – 2:15 P.M. ET SESSION 5 - PEER TO PEER – PARTNERSHIPS AND EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

Effective public and private partnerships are essential to your grant's success. Hear from grantees that are pursuing grant success by developing and maintaining relationships among the H-1B grant's required and optional partners.

Kendra Siler, PhD, CommunityHealth IT

RL Colina, Monroe County Fire Rescue

Georgia Hoagland, Western Colorado Area Health Education Center

Ayreen Cadwallader, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

Dug Jones, Clark University

Meredith Montgomery, Public Consulting Group

Gregory Scheib, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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2:30 PM – 3:30 P.M. ET SESSION 6 - PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY AND DATA VALIDATION

This session covers strategies for participant assessment and intake, as well as best practices to ensure grantees collect the appropriate documentation as required by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Dawn Knapp, Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

Mari Kay-Nabozny, Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

Amanda Duncan, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

Faith Martin, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

Gregory Scheib, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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**3:45 PM – 4:45 P.M. ET CLOSING PLENARY: INCREASING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION
AND ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN H-1B GRANT PROGRAMS**

Efforts are underway by the Federal Government to pursue a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. This session highlights an H-1B grantee's strategies and challenges with increasing diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility within their grant program.

Alice Savino, Workforce Development Board of Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties

Alan Lam, Workforce Development Board of Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties

Jennifer McGauley, Workforce Development Board of Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties

Brenda Wolak, BOCES Consortium of Continuing Education

Todd Marshall, PhD., Mohawk Valley Community College

Maya Kelley, Division of Strategic Investments, ETA/USDOL (Moderator)

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