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](#)