

# **NC Office of Strategic Partnerships Government Research Partnerships Learning Forum**

April 14-15, 2021

Both days: sessions 1-4 PM; social hour 4-5 PM

## **Agenda**

Day one: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

### **1:00 PM Welcome**

**Jenni Owen**, Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Secretary Ron Penny**, NC Department of Revenue

### **1:15 PM Partnerships in Action**

This session will feature three existing government research partnerships: Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program, Finish Line Grants Program, and NC Department of Revenue taxpayer outreach project.

**Cami Gaudin-Gonzalez**, Research and Evaluation Associate, Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program

**Keyanna Terry**, Human Services Coordinator, Durham Chronic Care Initiative, Durham County Department of Public Health

**Kelvin Thompson**, Director, Single Stop, Central Piedmont Community College

**Dr. Audrey “AJ” Jaeger**, Executive Director, Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research

**Barrett Morris**, Assistant Director, Taxpayer Assistance and Collection Division, NC Department of Revenue

**Joey Sherlock**, Senior Behavioral Researcher, Center for Advanced Hindsight, Duke University

**Facilitator: Ret Boney**, Executive Director, NC Network of Grantmakers

### **2:00 PM Agency Learning Agendas**

This session will explore what learning agendas are, why they matter, and how to (quickly) find researchers with relevant expertise to help carry out learning agendas.

**Anne Bacon**, Director of Strategic Planning and Policy, NC Community College System Office

**Patrick Crane**, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, NC Community College System Office

**Rick Bolich**, Hydrogeologist, Division of Water Resources, NC Department of Environmental Quality

**Neil Mastin**, Research and Development Manager, NC Department of Transportation

**Facilitator: Carrie Hollis**, Economic Analyst, NC Office of State Budget and Management

### **2:45 PM Quick break and brief activity**

**3:00 PM**

**Tips - and warnings! - for successful partnerships**

**Anita Brown-Graham**, Director, ncIMPACT Initiative, UNC School of Government

**David Yokum**, Director, The Policy Lab at Brown University; Senior Advisor, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Jenni Owen**, Director, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**3:20 PM**

**Breakout Sessions**

Brief breakout session to learn more about the strategies for the partnerships featured in the “Partnerships in Action” session.

**Breakout 1: Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program**

**Cami Gaudin-Gonzalez**, Research and Evaluation Associate, Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program

**Keyanna Terry**, Human Services Coordinator, Durham Chronic Care Initiative, Durham County Department of Public Health

**Breakout 2: Finish Line Grants Program**

**Kelvin Thompson**, Director, Single Stop, Central Piedmont Community College

**Andrea DeSantis**, Assistant Director of Research, Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research

**Breakout 3: NC Department of Revenue taxpayer outreach program**

**Barrett Morris**, Assistant Director, Taxpayer Assistance and Collection Division, NC Department of Revenue

**Joey Sherlock**, Senior Behavioral Researcher, Center for Advanced Hindsight, Duke University

**3:40 PM**

**Reflections and highlights**

**Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson**, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, NC A&T State University

**Secretary Pam Cashwell**, NC Department of Administration

**3:50 PM**

**Crowdsource ideas and questions**

**4:00 PM**

**Social Hour**

Day Two: Thursday, April 15, 2021

**1:00 PM**

**Welcome and recap**

**Kristin Walker**, Deputy Director, NC Office of State Budget and Management

**Commissioner Josh Dobson**, NC Department of Labor

**Jed Herrmann**, Vice President for State and Federal Policy Implementation, Results for America

**1:15 PM**

**Nuts and Bolts: Rapid Talks!**

This session will highlight some partnership nuts and bolts including funding (the NC budget process and investing in a culture of evidence); how partners can better share data; and roles students can play.

**Charlie Perusse**, State Budget Director, NC Office of State Budget and Management

**Dr. Jessie Tenenbaum**, Chief Data Officer, NC Department of Health and Human Services

**Dr. Mariya Munir**, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, UNC Charlotte

**Facilitator: Susi Hamilton**, Economic Development Advisor, NC Department of Transportation

**2:00 PM**

**How do you build equity into partnerships from the start?**

**Dr. Elizabeth “Liz” Pungello Bruno**, President, Brady Education Foundation

**Dr. Julia Mendez Smith**, Professor of Psychology; Fellow for Campus Climate, UNC Greensboro

**Dr. Michelle Laws**, Assistant Director for Consumer Policy and Community Engagement, NC Department of Health and Human Services

**2:45 PM**

**Quick break and brief activity**

**3:15 PM**

**Breakout Sessions**

Brief breakout session to learn more about partnership nuts and bolts and building equity into partnerships.

**Breakout 1: More about data sharing**

**Dr. Jessie Tenenbaum**, Chief Data Officer, NC Department of Health and Human Services

**Breakout 2: More about student roles**

**Eliza Edwards**, Policy Analyst, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Liam Miranda**, Graduate Intern, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Breakout 3: More about resource development**

**Joy Vermillion Heinsohn**, Philanthropy Liaison, NC Office of Strategic Partnerships

**Breakout 4: More about equity**

**Dr. Julia Mendez Smith**, Professor of Psychology; Fellow for Campus Climate, UNC Greensboro

**3:45 PM**

**Reflections, highlights, and thank you!**

**Dr. Fouad Abd-El-Khalick**, Dean, UNC School of Education

**Governor Roy Cooper**

**4:00 PM**

**Social Hour**