



Speakers

Regions V & VII 2013 TANF Priority Update Meeting

Michelle Derr, a senior researcher at Mathematica Policy Research, is well known for her ability to translate research findings effectively to improve public policies and direct practice. Most of her work focuses on quick turnaround research projects used to describe a promising practice or document the implementation of a public policy. She has conducted site visits to welfare agencies and other social service programs in nearly 100 communities in more than half the states and the District of Columbia. She specializes in evaluating employment and training initiatives targeted to public assistance clients, ex-offenders, individuals with disabilities, and other disadvantaged populations. Putting her knowledge into practice, she provides evidence-based technical assistance to states and local communities to help strengthen their performance outcomes. To support her passion for teaching, she worked as an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Northern Virginia Campus for five years. She has taught a variety of courses including Research for Social Work Practice, Social Work and Social Justice, and Social Policy for Children and Families. She holds a Ph.D. in social work from the University of Utah.

Delores Graves is the Project Director of the Health Profession Opportunity Grant for the Milwaukee Area Investment Board, Inc. In this capacity, she has responsibility for the overall staff management and operational functions that develop workforce initiatives to provide regional employers with access to a global pool of qualified job seekers through a system of coordinated services. In 2008, MAWIB embarked on planning its first industry sector project selecting the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism industry. In 2010, MAWIB was awarded funding to develop its second industry sector project in healthcare and launched that project in 2011. Ms. Graves is the project manager for both of these sector initiatives which are coordinated and managed through the Business Services Division.

In addition to oversight and management of the sector initiatives, the Business Services Division has responsibility for oversight of MAWIB' One-Stop Comprehensive Job Centers in the Milwaukee Area. Under Ms. Graves' direction, Business Team Specialists conduct activities that are designed to ensure the Job Center services are consistently integrated to provide and support universal access for all customers—job seekers and businesses. Ms. Graves is a proud Marano Fellow from the class of 2008.

Susan Golonka joined the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as Deputy Director of the Office of Family Assistance (OFA) in May 2012. She serves as the principal advisor to the Director and oversees the administration of TANF, Tribal TANF, the Health Profession Opportunity Grants, healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood activities—providing overall guidance and direction for the work of OFA. Prior to joining ACF, Ms. Golonka was the program director for human services at the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices. She directed NGA's research and technical assistance efforts for governors' policy advisors and states around issues related to welfare reform, low-income working families and poverty, and child welfare. Prior to this position, she was the director of human services legislation at NGA. In this capacity, she was the principal staff representative for NGA during the national debate and passage of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act. Before joining NGA in 1995, Ms. Golonka worked with the Family Impact Seminar, a small nonpartisan public policy institute, and served as a policy advisor to former Governor Kean of New

Jersey and for the United States Senate. Ms. Golonka received an MPA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mark Greenberg is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Before joining HHS, Mark H. Greenberg directed the Georgetown University Center on Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy, a joint initiative of the Georgetown University Law Center and the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. In addition, he was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress (CAP) and the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). He previously served as the Executive Director of CAP's Task Force on Poverty and as CLASP's Director of Policy. During his career, Mr. Greenberg has written extensively on issues relating to federal and state welfare reform efforts; workforce policy issues affecting low-income families; child care and early education policy; tax policy; poverty measurement; and a range of other low-income issues. In addition, he frequently provided technical assistance to state and local governments regarding poverty reduction strategies. Prior to coming to D.C., Mr. Greenberg worked at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid in Florida and the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Greenberg is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

Elizabeth Lower-Basch is the Policy Coordinator at CLASP, the Center for Law and Social Policy. Her expertise is federal and state welfare (TANF) policy, other supports for low-income working families (such as refundable tax credits), systems integration, and job quality. From 1996 to 2006, Ms. Lower-Basch worked for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a lead welfare policy analyst. Ms. Lower-Basch received a Master of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Ed Trumbull has over 20 years professional experience creating and implementing successful workforce development solutions, conducting insightful analysis, and fostering innovative employment, education and training strategies. Prior to joining ICF, Mr. Trumbull was the workforce, higher education, and K-12 education advisor to Governor William Donald Schaefer, Executive Director of a Local Workforce Investment Board, architect of an award winning One-Stop Career Center system, management consultant to the leadership of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, and executive of several national workforce organizations. Mr. Trumbull received his Master of Public Management from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland and Bachelor of Arts at Claremont Men's College, Claremont, California.