

**The Geiger Gibson Capstone Program
in
Health Policy and Leadership
April 16-18, 2012**

The Geiger Gibson Capstone Program in Health Policy and Leadership is offered through a partnership between the Department of Health Policy in the GWU School of Public Health and Health Services and the National Association of Community Health Center's Leadership Development Institutes. The program is designed to advance the ability to engage in significant issues of health policy affecting health centers and the communities they serve. The capstone program places special emphasis on current and emerging health reform implementation issues. Program speakers come from senior levels of Washington DC's health policy leadership community, both inside and outside government.

Capstone Goals:

- To gain familiarity with the roles of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches in health policy development and implementation
- To provide a foundation for CHC leaders interested in gaining the knowledge and skills essential to health policy engagement

Capstone Learning Objectives:

- To gain familiarity with key health policy issues affecting health centers and medically underserved communities as well as the federal health policymaking process
- To interact with policy analysts and policymakers
- To become familiar with policy-related CHC health services research

Audience: The Capstone is designed to meet the professional needs of mid-level and senior level staff pursuing executive leadership careers in health centers

Participant Selection Process:

In order to foster interactive learning, participation is limited to twenty attendees per cycle. Interested CHC staff should contact their State/Regional PCA, which handles all application, registration and payment arrangements with GWU.

Location and Cost:

The Capstone program is held in the Department of Health Policy in Washington, DC. The program fee is \$750.00 per participant, not including travel, lodging and meal expenses. Guest rooms are available near GWU at a discounted rate. Participants will contact the hotel directly to make a reservation and arrange for payment.

Contact: For program questions, contact Merle Cunningham at merlec@gwu.edu

**Geiger Gibson Capstone Curriculum
Spring 2012**

February-March

Pre-Capstone Webinars: Four one-hour live webinars with online chat on the fundamentals of Federal health policymaking, health reform, advocacy and community health centers with faculty experts

Washington, DC

April 16 (Monday)

Morning Session

- Continental Breakfast
- Welcome, Introductions, Program Overview – Sara Rosenbaum and Merle Cunningham
- Panel Discussion: Existing and emerging CHC health policy issues

Lunch

- Panel Discussion: Implications of the current political environment for community health centers
- Preparatory discussion for meetings with Congressional staff

Afternoon Session

- Visits with Congressional staff on Capitol Hill

April 17 (Tuesday)

Morning Session

- NACHC Panel: The world of CHC policy, education and advocacy

Lunch

- Preparatory discussion for agency meetings

Afternoon Session

- Agency meetings, health reform implementation

Evening Session

- Group Dinner

April 18 (Wednesday)

Morning Session

- Panel Discussion: Emerging issues in community health center policy and research
- Closing activities and presentation of Capstone certificates

Lunch