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SESSION 4 SPECIAL HEALTH TOPICS

Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Georgia Health Policy Center, 55 Park Place NE, 8th Floor

This session will be determined by participant input. Depending on class preferences, sessions could include topics such as:

- *Childhood Obesity*
- *Georgia's Trauma Care System*
- *The Opioid Epidemic*
- *Behavioral Health*
- *Public Health*
- *Rural Health*

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Registration for the first session is required by June 19, 2017.

Additional information will be sent upon registration.



The Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) is a leading independent resource for public and private organizations and government entities seeking evidence-based research, program development and policy guidance to improve health status at the community level. For over 20 years, GHPC has delivered objective information on health policy, financing and insurance coverage to the Georgia General Assembly. GHPC holds itself to rigorous standards making it a trusted third party, capable of developing impartial and well-informed research and analysis to support complex health policy decision-making. For more information about GHPC visit www.ghpc.gsu.edu.

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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS TO TACKLE GEORGIA'S HEALTH CHALLENGES

Health policy is one of the most pressing issues in the public arena. State legislatures across the country are wrestling with issues such as health care financing, public health and emergency preparedness, health reform and Medicaid financing, all of which impact constituents and the public coffers.

The Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program, sponsored by the Georgia Health Policy Center at Georgia State University, is designed to prepare state legislators and their policy staff for the challenging health issues before them. Created for those wanting to improve their understanding of health and health care, the program consists of four sessions. These sessions will provide evidence-based information to assess the complex variables involved in making policy decisions that will significantly affect all Georgians.

Topics are based on the priorities of program participants, ensuring that the content is timely and relevant to the most pressing challenges that legislators are being asked to address. No formal training in health care or health policy is needed to participate. In interactive sessions participants will learn useful skills that will help them make sense of complex health policy issues and to communicate them in a highly effective way.

Those who complete at least three sessions will receive a Health Policy Certificate from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at the Georgia State University.

SESSION 1 EVALUATING HEALTH POLICY FROM A SYSTEMS THINKING PERSPECTIVE: WHY HEALTH MATTERS TO OUR STATE

Thursday, June 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Georgia Health Policy Center, 55 Park Place NE, 8th Floor

This session presents the foundations of health policy, on which all the other sessions will be built. Participants will be introduced to a framework to use when examining any health policy issue.

Course Topics

- What is "health" and why is it important?
- How is health part of a broader system and why is looking at it in this way relevant to policy making?

- What are the individual, environmental and systemic factors associated with individual and population health? How do they work together?
- How does Georgia's health status compare to other states? What factors will determine whether our state's health improves or declines?

SESSION 2 HEALTH FINANCING: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, August 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Georgia Health Policy Center, 55 Park Place NE, 8th Floor

Federal and state governments are involved in multiple aspects of financing health and health-related activities, including providing medical services to veterans; financing care for the elderly, poor, disabled and low-income children; and ensuring an adequate supply of health care providers. This session will focus on the two major systems of health care financing in this country – private and public – and the interaction between the two.

Course Topics

- How did the current employer-sponsored insurance system develop in this country and what has been the cost and benefit design trends over time?
- What are the basic components of structure, benefits, eligibility and funding for public programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP?
- What are the financing assumptions, strengths and weaknesses of current federal health reform policy?
- What are the interactions between public and private programs and, what are their implications?

SESSION 3 ACCESS AND THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Georgia Health Policy Center, 55 Park Place NE, 8th Floor

This session will examine the health care delivery system and other drivers of access to care, including rural health care issues, workforce, quality of care and population health.

Course Topics

- How is the health care delivery system structured and where do gaps in service currently exist?
- What are the various entities that comprise the health care safety net and how do they interact?
- What are the various drivers that impact access to care?

Please see other side for Session 4 and registration details.