

Regional Program Manager Forum
January 16, 2020 11am-12pm (EST)

Dr. Calvin Moore facilitated an open dialogue with selected Executive Directors from various Region IV states. Florida was represented by Isabel Garcia, RCMA and Capt. Robert Bialas, LSF.

Dr. Moore shared that his goal was to improve communications and learn from programs about their experiences and what we are doing. His goal is to learn how they can help with any challenges and support our needs. He posed three questions; how can communication with regional staff be improved or if its working let us know; how is T/TA working for you and what can they do to support better; and what can the region do to improve working closer and communicating with the state associations. Those that received the newsletter shared liking it, others shared not having received it and why some did and not others. He promised to look into the mailing list and thought it was sent via HSES correspondence.

Many shared how great communication and the monthly calls were with their program specialists and some with fiscal specialists. Others did share lack of response and little to no communication with their PS and FS.

Dr. Moore shared their goal to improve T/TA by providing more cluster training, participating in RIV conference and having more of a presence of federal staff at the trainings and conferences. Some ED's shared that the level of topics and quality were more relevant to program staff and that most ED's only attended if Dr. Moore or federal staff spoke. There was request to bring more relevant information that would help ED's within their scope of leadership and operating non-profits. Dr. Moore appreciated that recommendation and concurred that it was a need. Many also shared how there are so many trainings and conferences taking place and it becomes a financial hardship for programs.

Dr. Moore wants and will try to have more of presence at state association meetings. His goal is to strengthen relationships with ED of state associations as well. One ED requested that to be allowed to participate on some, not all, of the calls he holds with program specialists.

They are planning a call for open dialogue with ED Managers on January 30th to discuss instructional support, leadership, active supervision and how to support in these areas. He asked that all ED's on the call send him name of their person, but was also going to ask ED of state association to send a name of an ED Manager.

Dr. Moore shared that they would provide further guidance on the new funding for EHS expansion, COLA and Quality Improvement as they learn more.