

2008 UCEDD Directors Retreat

Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel

Tuesday, February 12

Overview

The overall focus of the UCEDD Directors Retreat is to provide an opportunity for the Directors to discuss shared issues, learn from each other, and build new and renew existing relationships. The Planning Committee organized this retreat using the following assumptions:

- There is seldom sufficient time to learn from each other,
- Many of the centers while differing in areas of emphasis face similar issues and challenges, and
- The purpose of the retreat is to hear from our colleagues and to consider shared challenges and solutions to day to day and longer range issues.

The issues that UCEDDs face can be grouped into those that are *internal*—including our universities, their mission, and personnel—and those that are *external*, representing the many and diverse communities we relate to as well as the legislative and administrative entities at the local, state, and national levels. Crossing both the external and internal constituency groups are consumers, families, and our commitment to diversity. As a way of setting the stage for the retreat, three directors will share their views on the many environments that they face and how these impact upon the UCEDDs.

Agenda

5-7 pm **Plenary: My View of the World of a UCEDD: Factors to Consider**

Using their respective UCEDDs as a lens, three Directors will offer an overview of the range of internal and external factors that the UCEDDs must address. The session will open with a presentation by panelists framing the top internal and external issues they have faced in the past year (including some of the implications for both day to day operations and long range plans of the UCEDD), the remainder of the session will be a large group discussion.

7-9 pm **Reception**

Wednesday, February 13

Overview

Taking the theme of engagement of the UCEDD with both *internal* and *external* stakeholders, six topic areas were identified and are the basis for the workgroups in the breakout sessions below. In each session, two directors will shape the issue, talk briefly about their experiences and the opportunities that they see, and then facilitate a discussion.

At the end of the session the groups will identify the top three strategies that they feel would be useful for Directors to consider on the issue. These strategies will be collected and sent to the Directors after the retreat.

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8:00-8:30 **Networking Breakfast**

8:30-9:45 Breakout Session 1 (pick one to attend)
A Fiscal Resource Development
B Legislative and Administrative Entities

9:45-10:15 **Break**

10:15-11:30 Breakout Session 2 (pick one to attend)
C Promoting Your Research Agenda
D Community Group Engagement and Relationships

11:30-12:00 **Trends & Opportunities**

12-1 pm **Networking Lunch**

1-2:15 Breakout Session 3 (pick one to attend)
E Internal Marketing
F Getting Your Share: Federal Earmarks and State Allocations

2:15-2:45 **Wrap Up**

