Agenda

**Purpose:** Discuss the unique partnership between AmeriCorps and opioid programs as a model for building public health movements of the future.

- Public Health as an Evolving Field
- Opioid Programming Partnership with Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
- Panelists:
  - Anna Zepeda: AmeriCorps VISTA Member for Butte Glenn Medical Society Drug Prevention Taskforce
  - Shaina Wolinsky: AmeriCorps Volunteer Manager for Recovery Resource Center, a program of the Crisis Center Birmingham Alabama
  - Nicole Vavro: AmeriCorps Member for Mercy Health
- Panelist Q&A
An Evolving Field
Changing Public Health Workforce

1. The Trust for America’s Blueprint for a Healthier America

- Shortage of 250,000 Public health workers by 2020
- 100,000 eligible for retirements by 2020
- ≥25,000 people receive formal Public Health degree each year

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Challenges in Messaging

- Contentions times
- Echo chambers
- Gaining trust
Movement Building
Silos and echo chambers

Collaboration and engagement
Case Study:
Opioid Programming Partnership with Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
CNCS Mission: To improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

AmeriCorps Programs:
• Intensive service positions
• Pathways to enter the workforce
• End poverty through community mobilization
Best Practices in Opioid Response

- Cross-sector collaboration with local communities
- Promoting Harm Reduction Activities
- Advancing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services
- Stigma Reduction and community support
CNCS Role in Opioid Response

- 210 projects serving in all 50 states and D.C
- 2,800 AmeriCorps members focused on substance abuse prevention, reduction, and recovery
- $27.9 million in opioid-related AmeriCorps grants and project funding
A model for the future

National service can help foster healthy communities across the country

- **Work force pipeline**
- **3x more** likely to stay in community and social service careers
- **60% of Alumni** work in government or nonprofit jobs

2. Still Serving: Measuring the Eight-Year Impact of AmeriCorps on Alumni
Leveraging Unique Skills

- Systems Thinking
- Persuasive Communication
- Data Management
- Digital Natives
- Inclusive
- Adaptive
- Advocate
AmeriCorps Members Share Their Experience
California Opioid Safety Network (COSN)

• The Accelerator Program
  • Provides local coalitions with customized coaching, technical assistance and networking opportunities to strengthen their impact.

• The Network
  • Statewide forum for all coalitions, organizations and individuals working to combat the opioid crisis in California.
What COSN Does

• STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS
  • Generate dialogue between sectors

• DEVELOP LOCAL RESPONSE
  • Respond to community needs

• SUSTAIN ACTION
  • Focus on long term solutions
COSN VISTA Program

- Largest VISTA program devoted to opioids
- Capacity building focus

95% of coalitions rated VISTA members as one of the most valuable aspects of the Accelerator Program.