

**GOVERNOR'S GRANTS OFFICE**  
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**Governor's Grants Conference**  
***"ALL THE RIGHT STUFF"***

Monday, November 14, 2016

Marriott Conference Center at College Park

**Sponsorship Partners:**

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SIGN-IN/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m

PLENARY SESSION: 9:00 a.m. – Noon (*Potomac Ballroom*) Merrill Oliver, director, Governor’s Grants Office opens the conference

Hogan Administration Cabinet Panel (9:15-10:15):

**Panel Moderator: David Brinkley, Secretary of Budget & Management**

**Executive Agencies:**

**Mark Belton, Secretary of Natural Resources**

**Greg James, Acting Secretary of Human Resources**

**Rona Kramer, Secretary of Aging**

**Jim Rzepkowski, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Licensing, & Regulations**

**Governor’s Coordinating Offices:**

**Glenn Fueston, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention**

**Steve McAdams, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives**

**Mary Beth Tung, Esq., Ph.D., Director, Energy Administration**

Break (10:15 – 10:30)

Federal Panel (10:30-11:45) (*Moderated by Wagish Bhartiya, REI Systems*) (*Potomac Ballroom*)

**Matthew Reese, Federal Funds Information for States (FFIS)**

**Tricia Glass, grants.gov**

**Dennis Bega, U.S. Department of Education**

**Andrea Brandon, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

**Eric Nelson, U.S. Dept. of Labor**

**Velma Lakins, U.S. Department of Agriculture**

LUNCHEON Noon – 1:30 p.m. (*Chesapeake Ballroom*)

Keynote Speaker **Hai “Gil” Tran**, US Office of Management & Budget, Executive Office of the President, (*introduced by James Ha, eCivis*)

MARYLAND STATE GRANTS TEAM – ROUNDTABLE discussion 1:45-2:45 p.m. (*Chesapeake Ballroom*)

Meet one-on-one with members of Maryland’s State Grants Team, professionals from the following agencies:

**Dept of Human Resources, Bonnie Ariano; Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene, Michele Ferges, Cynthia**

**Petion ; Dept of Natural Resources, Veronica Moulis; Governor’s Office on Crime Control & Prevention,**

**Zina Weems and Laurie Rajala; Governor’s Office on Service & Volunteerism, Jeff Griffin, Valerie Staats;**

**MD Dept of Agriculture,, Charlie Cawley; MD Emergency Agency, Janet Moncrief-Kee;**

**MD State Dept of Education, Debbie Lichter; MD Dept of the Environment, Elaine Dietz; MD Higher**

**Education Commission, Binee Edwards; MD Dept on Aging, Andrew Ross; MD Energy Administration, Jenn**

**Gallachio; MD State Arts Council, Lauren Fowler; MD Dept of Transportation, Christy Bernal, Mary**

**Harmon, and Terry Maxwell; Dept Housing and Community Development, Karen Forbes**

CONCURRENT AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- A. GRANTS LIFECYCLE: APPLICANTS PERSPECTIVE – Steps necessary for a successful grant application and program implementation. **Gregg Ukaegbu**, *U.S. Health and Human Services Room 1105 (moderated by Tom French, MDE)*
- B. UNIFORM GUIDANCE – What is new since its implementation in late 2014, what you need to know to stay compliant with federal regulation. **Jim McKay**, *Senior Director, KGS Potomac Ballroom Salon 1 (moderated by Wagish Bhartiya, REI Systems)*
- C. PREPARE FOR THE SINGLE AUDIT – SB & Company, who audits Maryland’s federal grant programs, shares insight and tips for your agency’s Single Audit to be the best it can be. **Monique Booker**, *SB and Company Potomac Ballroom Salon 2 (moderated by Joan Peacock, DBM)*
- D. USE DATA TO ENHANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS – The newly appointed Manager of Projections and State Data Center, **Al Sundara**, will show you how to ramp up your grant applications to help better make a case for your organization to win grant funds for your programs. *Room 0105 (moderated by Lynne Kelleher, MD Judiciary)*
- E. FUNDERS PANEL – Corporate, private and community foundations, and the legislature, share their stories about funding programs throughout Maryland. What they look for, how to get their attention, etc. **Kevin Griffin Moreno**, *Baltimore Community Foundation*; **Aryn Dagirmanjian**, *Enoch Pratt Free Library Grants Collection*; **Matt Klein**, *Legislative Capital Budget Manager*; *room 0101 (moderated by Alison Tavik, Governor’s Office on Minority Affairs)*

4:00 p.m. (Conference concludes, turn in CPE forms on the way out.)

**Thanks to our volunteers!**

Rafiat “Lola” Abdulai, Governor’s Office of Service and Volunteerism (Registration)

Oswaldo “Oby” Borges, Governor’s Office (IT)

Anthony Burrows, MD Department of Information Technology (Graphics and Photography)

Gene Deems, MD Dept of Natural Resources (usher and tweeting)

Benee Edwards, MD Higher Education Commission (Registration)

Nikki Fiocco, Volunteer Maryland (usher)

Kim Ford, MD Higher Education Commission (Registration)

Tom French, MD Dept of Environment (Registration and Grants Lifecycle Session moderator)

Lynne Kelleher, Maryland Judiciary (Floor manager, Data Center Session moderator)

Shameka Littles (Registration)

Joey Nelson, Governor’s Office (IT)

Joan Peacock, MD Dept of Budget and Management (CPEs and Audit Session moderator)

Chris Rhodes, Roads to Home, Inc. (Usher, Special Requests)

Agnes Smith, Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives (Registration)

Nesrine Taha (Registration)

Alison Tavik, Governor’s Office on Minority Affairs (Funders Panel moderator)

Patrice Teetermoran, Volunteer Maryland (usher)