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*Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics*

**COPAFS Update**  
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# COPAFS – Past 3 Months



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- **Friends of BLS:**
  - **Drafted Letter to Senate urging swift confirmation of Dr. Erika McEntarfer as the next BLS Commissioner**
  - **Set FY25 Appropriations Ask at \$812MM**
- **Friends of NCHS set FY25 Appropriations Ask at \$220MM**
- **Signed onto ESRA Reauthorization letter to Senate HELP Committee urging modifications with regard to IES and NCES and keeping in line with the Evidence Act**



# 2024 FCSM Research and Policy Conference

**October 22-24, 2024**

*The Relevance, Timeliness, and Integrity of Federal Statistics*

**College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center  
3501 University Blvd E, Hyattsville, MD 20783**

# FCSM Abstracts Due April 8

FCSM seeks abstracts that address advances in credible and accurate survey and statistical methodologies from both research and policy perspectives. Submissions may address, but are not limited to, the following topics of importance to the Federal Statistical System



- Applied statistics
- Bayesian methods
- Data collection
- Data dissemination
- Data linkage
- Data processing
- Data quality
- Data science
- Establishment surveys
- Estimation and inference
- Privacy & disclosure control
- Questionnaire design
- Statistical computing
- Survey sampling & weighting

**Submit Abstracts at [fcsmconf.org](https://fcsmconf.org)**

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**Abstracts should be not longer than 250 words.**

**Policy Submissions:** Abstracts should discuss a statistical policy topic and discuss the implications or impacts observed thus far and may raise questions or issues without having a definitive answer.

**Research Submissions:** Abstracts should present research studies and findings related to the topics listed above. Submissions should not simply describe a data collection program or have limited application to topics relevant to the Federal Statistical System.

**Organized Session Submissions:** An organized session submission must include at least four (4) papers and a named chair. A discussant may also be listed. Priority will be given to sessions representing speakers from multiple agencies or that highlight both research and policy issues.

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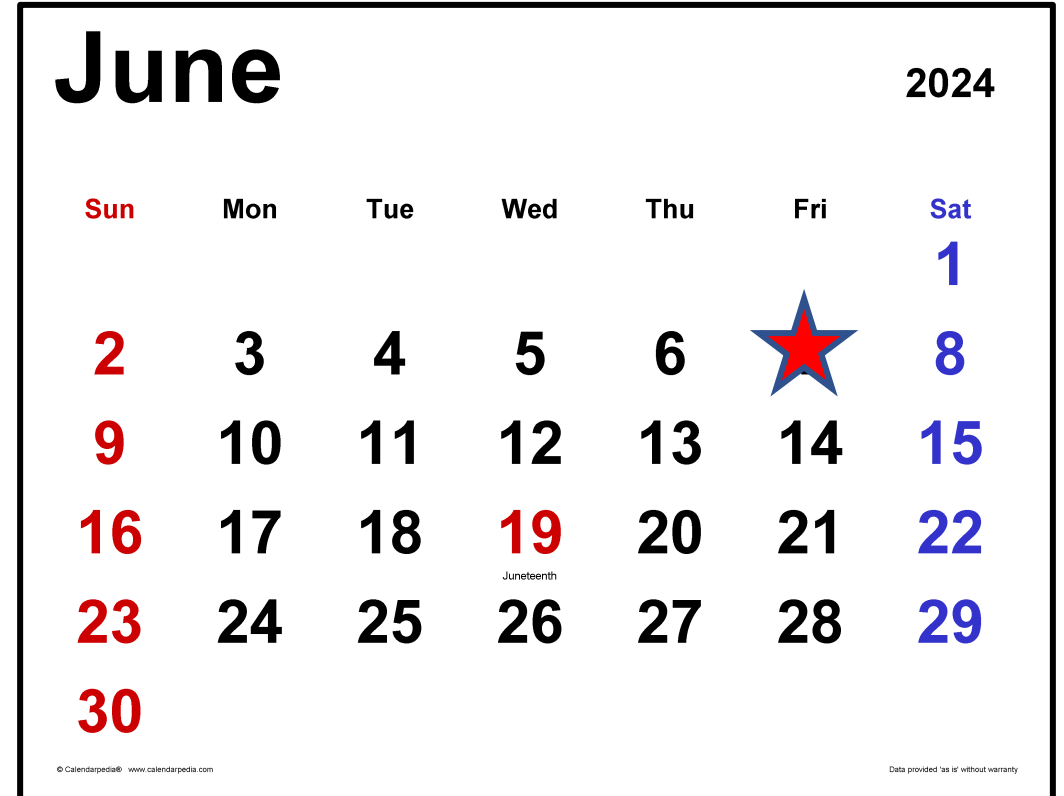
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# Save the Date!

The Next COPAFS Quarterly Meeting is on . . .

**Friday, June 7, 2024**





# Agenda

9:00 – 9:05	<i>Welcome</i> <b>Felice Levine</b> , Chair, COPAFS Board
9:05 – 9:15	<i>COPAFS Update</i> <b>Paul Schroeder</b> , Executive Director, COPAFS
9:15 – 10:00	<i>Update on the Federal Statistical System</i> <b>Kerrie Leslie</b> , Office of Management and Budget
10:00 – 11:00	<i>Examining Health Equity Measurement and Representation through the Lens of Total Survey Error</i> <b>Morgan Earp</b> , NCHS
11:00 – 12:00	<i>Medical Expenditure Panel Survey: Challenges and Solutions in Data Collection</i> <b>Ryan Hubbard</b> , Westat
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:30	<i>Remembering Katherine K. Wallman</i>
2:30 – 3:00	<i>Business Meeting</i>
3:00	<i>Adjourn</i>