

Charles Owens

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Charles Owens researches health care access and across the continuum of care

Biography

In August 2015, Mr. Charles F. Owens received Direct Appointment as Associate Clinical Professor for Georgia Southern University's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) and the Director of the Center for Public Health Practice & Research. Under faculty appointment provides instruction in the JPHCOPH Health Policy & Management Division focusing on health care finance, workforce development and policy. As the Director for the JPHCOPH Center for Public Health Practice & Research facilitates the integration of the JPHCOPH academic resources into local, state and national fields for application in communities and areas of research. He administers various grant programs targeting specific areas of public health including but not limited to, Public Health, Emergency Medical Services, needs assessment, program evaluation, health systems planning and various other components within the health and health care arenas. Beginning his health care career in 1991, his tenure in the health care industry exceeds 27 years. Prior to joining Georgia Southern University, Mr. Owens served as the Executive Director of the Georgia Department of Community Health's State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care Office. Mr. Owens provided oversight to various programs focusing on improving the health care delivery system and health of Georgians in underserved communities. These programs were supported by state and federal grant funds averaging over \$9M annually. Mr. Owens was appointed to Governor Nathan Deal's Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee. He also serves on the Board of the Georgia Rural Health Association. Previously he received appointment by Kathleen Sibelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to serve on the 2012-2013 Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Designation of Medically Underserved Populations and Health Professional Shortage Areas, and he has held a variety of leadership positions in rural hospitals.

Areas of Expertise

Emergency Medical Services, Physician Practices, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Care Access & Delivery, Health Care Access & Delivery, Rural and Critical Access Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Public Health

Education

Georgia Southwestern College

M.S.A. Marketing

Valdosta State College

B.B.A. Marketing,

Accomplishments

Hospital Champion, HomeTown Health
2015

Distinguished Service Award, National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
2009

Service Appreciation, Georgia Association of Primary Care Association
2006

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