

# Sample of LGCC Schedule\*

## Wednesday Opening Reception (MANDATORY) - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Attire: Business Casual

Receive team assignments, learn about the case challenge and network with peers. Light refreshments provided.

## Thursday & Friday

Work with your team at the discretion of each team member's schedule and preferences.

## Saturday (MANDATORY\*\*)

### Attire: Business Formal

- 8:00 a.m.** Check in; breakfast; order of panel presentations posted
- 9:00 a.m.** Panel presentations begin\*\*\*
  - Panel 1- Teams A, B, C, D
  - Panel 2- Teams E, F, G, H
  - Panel 3- Teams I, J, K, L
  - Panel 4- Teams M, N, O, P
- 12:30 p.m.** Panel presentations conclude; lunch
- 1:15 p.m.** Winning Team from each panel announced
- 1:30 p.m.** Final round presentations begin; all students welcome to stay for final round
- 3:30 p.m.** Winning Team announced

\* All times are approximate and subject to change.

\*\* Saturday events are mandatory through announcement of winners from morning panel. Following that, winning teams must stay to present again. All other students are welcome to stay, but not required.

\*\*\* Number of panels and teams is determined based on total number of registrants and will be finalized the week prior to the competition.

## DHS IS

responsible for providing and administering publicly-funded human services to Allegheny County residents.

## DHS PRINCIPLES

All services will be: High Quality– reflecting best practices in case management, counseling, and treatment. Readily Accessible – in natural, least-restrictive settings, often community-based. Strength-Based – focusing on the capabilities of individuals and families, not their deficits. Culturally Competent – demonstrating respect for individuals, their goals, and preferences. Individually Tailored and Empowering – by building confidence and shared decision-making as routes to independence rather than dependency. Holistic – serving the comprehensive needs of families as well as individuals through tangible aid and a full continuum of services – Information Exchange; prevention; early intervention; case management & crisis intervention; after care.

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CASE COMPETITION

# Local Government Case Competition

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Local Government Case Competition (LGCC) began in 2007 as part of the celebration of DHS' 10th anniversary as an integrated department.

Since then, the competition has grown to include more students from a wider variety of backgrounds and academic disciplines.

The competition is generously funded by the Human Services Integration Fund (HSIF).

## THE COMPETITION

Like other case competitions, the LGCC highlights challenges and managerial dilemmas faced by government leaders. Competing teams work under pressure to solve a real problem, using simulated business conditions such as time-critical deadlines and incomplete information to formulate action-oriented recommendations.

## THE CASE CHALLENGE

The case challenge is not revealed until the Wednesday night opening reception, but previous topics have included:

- Imagine what DHS and human services delivery might look like in 20 years.
- Position DHS as a leader in the environmental sustainability movement.
- Develop a strategic plan for a new non-profit organization called the Homewood Children's Village.

Students will be provided appropriate background materials about the case and about DHS. There is no way to prepare in advance for the case topic.

## THE PREPARATION

After receiving the challenge on Wednesday night, randomly assigned teams of students will have until Saturday morning to work together at their discretion on their presentation.

All presentations must be submitted by a pre-determined time on Saturday morning, regardless of a team's presentation time.

## THE JUDGING

Team presentations will be judged in the following categories:

- verbal presentation
- technical presentation
- overall impression
- scope
- content
- team performance
- Q&A performance
- team demeanor

The background of the judges varies and has included HSIF representatives, DHS staff, community leaders and subject matter experts in the chosen competition topic.

## THE PRIZES

Cash prizes are awarded to the winning teams.

- First place: **\$3,000 per team**
- Second place: **\$1,500 per team**
- Third place: **\$500 per team**
- Fourth place: **gift cards for each team member**

## THE PARTICIPANTS

Students enrolled in graduate programs pertaining to public policy, social work, non-profit management, public administration, business, law or other related fields may participate.

Students in non-traditional (part-time) programs are eligible.

Undergraduate students are not eligible to participate.

## THE TEAMS

Students are assigned by DHS staff to an interdisciplinary team. Students may not assemble their own teams.

The final number of team members is based on the total number of registrants.

Typically, teams have three or four members.

## THE TIME COMMITMENT

Students are required to attend the opening reception as well as the panel presentations.

Teams will be randomly assigned to a presentation time for Saturday morning and will learn their assigned time at check-in that day.

The winning teams from the morning presentations will be announced during lunch. Following lunch, only teams who are chosen to present in the final round are required to stay.

All other students are welcome to stay, but it is not required.