



February 11, 2026, 11:30am - 1:00pm PT, via Zoom

MINUTES

GPA CHAPTER MEETING - 22 participants

Welcome from Chapter Co-Chairs Sharlene Vance and Sarah Holloway. They thanked Jenny & Lisa. Introduced new executive committee members: Christiann Stewart – treasurer, Susy Lacer – secretary, Katherine LeFever – membership chair, Erin Christensen – programming chair.

Link to website with agenda: www.gpanorthwest.org

Chapter Business

Equity Statement & Community Agreement – Sarah provided background on how ES/CA was developed with chapter involvement, and that it is a living document. She noted that it will be shared at the beginning of each meeting. Sarah and Sharlene read the ES and CA.

Volunteer Opportunities – Sharlene shared a [link to current volunteer openings](#) and invited any interested members to reach out for more information and become involved.

Annual Member Survey – Sarah noted that the chapter leadership is considering doing a member survey again as it's been a few years since we did one. Purpose of survey would be to learn more about members so they can make better connections, e.g. education grant pros talking with other folks in the same field. Survey would also ask about interest in program topics and preferred meeting times. Current tentative Chapter Meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays, 11:30am-1:00pm, on May 13, August 12, and November 18, 2026.

Christiann Stewart shared the [Treasurer's Report](#).

Kris Ashley - Tech moderator shared the Zoom captions button, noted that she is watching for hands raised, that breakout rooms will be assigned, and that she is available for tech questions during the meeting.

Erin Christensen introduced the presenters; this is a second part to their evaluation training last year.

Program Topic: Culturally Responsive & Equitable Evaluation, presented by Amani Austen and Kim Leonard.

In the last session, they focused on what to shift away from in evaluation, this session is more on what to move towards.

Mindset Shift Refresher – Equitable Evaluation Framework (EEF).
<https://www.equitableeval.org/framework>

Link to handout from their last session:

https://www.gpanorthwest.org/uploads/5/0/7/1/50711049/demystifying_evaluation_for_grant_professionals_-_gpa_handout_may_2025.pdf

They called out the ten EEF mindset shifts and highlighted a few: Concept of shifting from judgement to curiosity is familiar to many; also shift from scarcity to abundance; binary to multiplicity (both/and vs either/or); from doing to being may be less familiar, or from extraction to offering, or from revolutionary to evolutionary. The mindsets are all interrelated. They noted the EEF approach often runs counter to many grant applications where funders are still asking for more traditional number served, etc., evals.

Scenario Based Examples – They shared the three scenarios that attendees will discuss during breakouts and encouraged considering which mindset shifts might be available. Scenario worksheet: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HtzlOMAnnJSfICzZKi-WshzQHcclgjW2tIzCYybrXg/edit?usp=sharing>

Breakout Room Discussions for 15 minutes.

Share Out – Breakout group participants shared highlights of their discussions and learnings. Common theme of considering the possibilities in any situation, and the importance of human relationship building and communication in grant work.

Wrap-up Eval is about reflection.

Adjourned 1:00p.m.

Next meeting - May 13, 2026