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### **FMCS Launches Lessons In Leadership Speaker Series**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (Apr. 18, 2022)** – On Wednesday, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) conducted the first of a new series of virtual speaking engagements called the Lessons in Leadership Speaker Series.

The Lessons in Leadership series brings outstanding leaders from various federal organizations to share insights on their leadership styles and career experiences, with a focus on professional development and the Senior Executive Service.

These quarterly sessions are being provided to FMCS employees as a professional development opportunity concentrating on mastering change and inspiring growth. With this series, FMCS seeks to motivate and inspire members of its staff who are interested in becoming more well-rounded in their federal careers.

Today's first speaker was Col. (USMC, Retired) Sheryl E. Murray, Assistant Deputy Commandant (Retired), Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department. Col. Murray is a retired member of the Senior Executive Service with more than 34 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Bringing with her a wealth of leadership knowledge, Col. Murray shared myriad new ideas and new perspectives on leadership from her history of working in the military and the federal sector.

"Here's a foot-stomper: find a mentor. You can have multiple, but find somebody," said Murray, stressing the importance of mentorship as a part of growing as a leader.

"Find someone you can talk to about opportunities. It is critical to know there are people there to help them, to give them a nudge when needed, and to help them."

The session concluded with a question-and-answer portion where employees were able to interact with Col. Murray and get a more detailed understanding of leadership questions or issues they have.

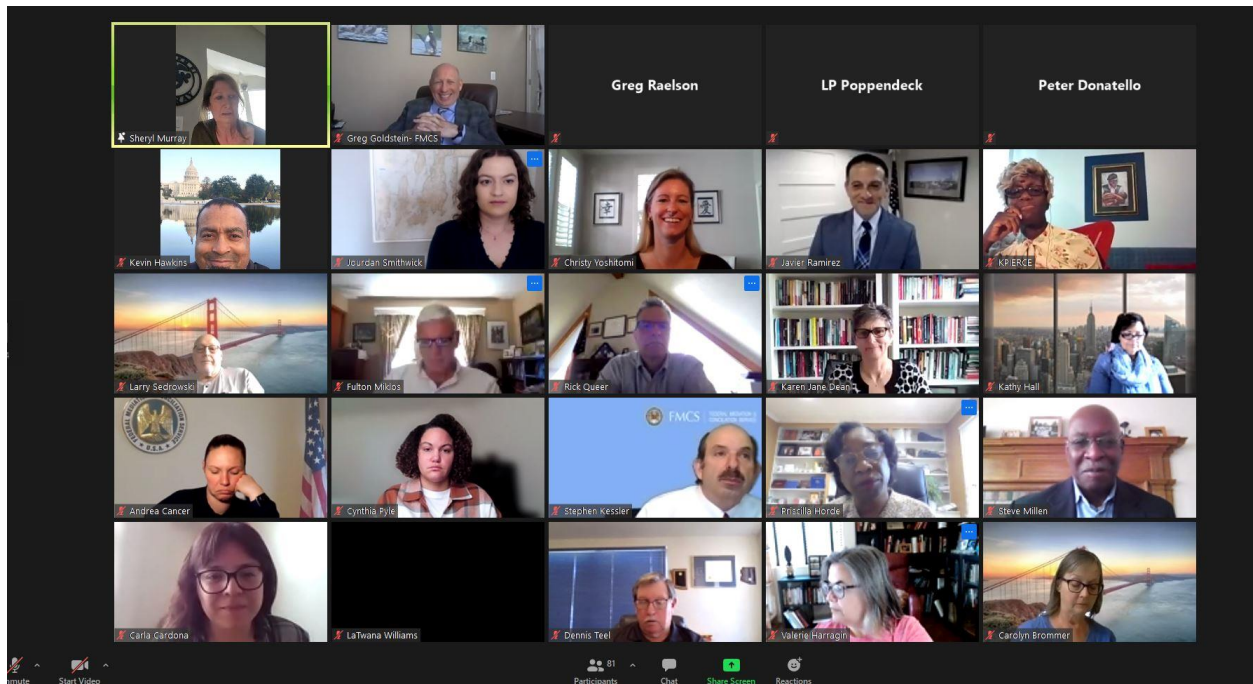
FMCS Acting Director Gregory Goldstein said he was "proud that the initial event was so well-attended."

"I'm very happy our Agency was able to put together a program that was really able to benefit our employees and their career development. I'm looking forward to continuing this program and providing a more holistic professional training process for my colleagues at FMCS," said Goldstein.

FMCS intends to continue the Lessons in Leadership Speaker Series each quarter with new speakers from different sectors across the broad spectrum of the workplace environment.

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*(Apr. 13, 2022) More than 80 employees from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) attend the first of a new virtual speaker series called Lessons In Leadership. The first guest was Col. (USMC, Retired) Sheryl E. Murray, Assistant Deputy Commandant (Retired), Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department (upper left).*