As part of ETA’s continuing technical assistance efforts to the National Health Emergency (NHE) Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants and SUPPORT Act grantees, the Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) presented preliminary information and lessons learned from their site visits and evaluations of the NHE Demonstration Grants. Starting in 2018, CEO began conducting an evaluation study of the NHE Demonstration Grant, focusing on the role of the workforce system and employers in addressing the opioid crisis. The goals of the evaluation were to:

- Document all facets of the NHE Demonstration Grants
- Identify challenges and promising practices
- Generate information for grantees, sub-grantees, and practitioners about approaches to the delivery of workforce services to people affected by opioid addiction

The evaluation team and grantee guest speakers focused on two main approaches for delivering workforce services:

- Adapting the workforce system to support people in recovery
- Bringing workforce system staff to behavioral health providers

Sandy Burgess, Employment Security Analyst III, Alaska Department of Labor and Lauren Robbins, Project Supervisor for Opioid Use Reduction & Recovery are two NHE Demonstration grantees who provided insight on their project experiences, as well as shared promising practices with the NHE Disaster Recovery, Dislocated Worker Grants and SUPPORT Act grantees. They also participated in a peer sharing discussion with the evaluation team and the two guest grantee presenters.