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In June, the Institute for Health Logistics & Analytics at Georgia Southern University hosted a two-day convening bringing together faculty from the Institute for People and Technology at Georgia Tech and the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University to advance a shared commitment to improving health outcomes in rural Georgia.

Over the course of the event, participants engaged with community stakeholders through meetings on the Georgia Southern campus and a series of site visits to better understand the local landscape across three critical research areas: Maternal and Child Health, Substance Use Disorders, and Cardiometabolic Disorders.

These conversations are foundational to the group's approach, ensuring that research priorities are shaped by the communities they are designed to serve. Bringing together expertise in technology and human-centered design, public health, and community-based health logistics reflects the kind of cross-institutional, solutions-oriented thinking that meaningful rural health research demands.

The IHLA looks forward to continuing to advance this important work alongside our partners in the months ahead.