



Academic Health Department Research Agenda Report

August 15, 2016

Overview

Following a discussion during the [August 2015 Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice \(Council\) meeting](#), the [Academic Health Department \(AHD\) Learning Community](#) launched a [new initiative](#) to develop a research agenda focused on the [AHD model](#). This research agenda explores questions related to measuring the value of AHD partnerships in enhancing public health and determining best practices critical to partnership success, and suggests opportunities for collaborative research on the structure, functions, and impacts of AHDs.

Led by AHD Learning Community member Paul Campbell Erwin, MD, DrPH, of the University of Tennessee Department of Public Health, a small team including Ross Brownson, PhD, George Warren Brown School of Social Work and School of Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis; Scott Frank, MD, MS, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine; and William Livingood, PhD, University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville, produced an [initial draft of the research agenda](#) in January 2016. This draft was shared with the AHD Learning Community by [webinar](#) in March 2016 to begin gathering feedback and made available on the [Public Health Foundation's \(PHF's\) website](#) for public comment. Requests for feedback were distributed through the AHD Learning Community; [Council on Linkages Update](#); [PHF E-News](#); [National Network of Public Health Institutes'](#) weekly newsletter for the [Public Health Training Centers](#); [University of Kentucky's Systems for Action National Coordinating Center](#) newsletter, which reaches the [Public Health Practice-Based Research Networks](#) and broader public health systems and services research community; and social media.

Feedback received was used to revise the AHD Research Agenda to produce a final draft for review and approval by the Council. This draft is included in the meeting materials. The Council is encouraged to provide comments on the draft research agenda during this meeting, as well as by email to Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org through August 31, 2016. Comments received will be addressed, and a Council vote on approval of the final AHD Research Agenda will be held by email.