



Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice Conference Call Meeting

Date: January 9, 2015

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Members Present: C. William Keck (Chair), Philip Amuso, Chris Atchison, Vince Francisco, Gary Gilmore, Barbara Gottlieb, Larry Jones, Lisa Lang, Amy Lee, Patrick Lenihan, Sarah Linde, John Lisco, Mary Paterson, Lou Rowitz, Beverly Taylor, Marlene Wilken

Other Participants Present: Karlene Baddy, Vera Cardinale, Ashley Edmiston, Kaitlin Emrich, Elizabeth Harper, Dorene Hersh, Bernd Jilly, Rita Kelliher, Allison Lewis, Bryn Manzella, Josh Martinez, JoBeth McCarthy-Jean, Laura Overton, Eva Perlman, Janet Place, Sophie Wenzel

Staff Present: Ron Bialek, Kathleen Amos, Janelle Nichols

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<p>Welcome, Overview of Agenda, and Introduction of New Representative</p> <p>➤ Barbara Gottlieb (CCPH)</p>	<p>The meeting began with a welcome by Council Chair C. William Keck, MD, MPH. Roll call was conducted.</p> <p>Dr. Keck reviewed the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Keck welcomed and introduced a new Council representative: Barbara Gottlieb, MD, for Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH).</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2014 Meeting</p>	<p>Dr. Keck asked for any changes to the minutes of the April 28, 2014 Council meeting. Gary Gilmore, MPH, PhD, MCHES, moved to approve the minutes as written. Larry Jones, MA, MPH, seconded the motion. No additions or corrections.</p>	<p>Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Council meeting were approved as written.</p>
<p>CDC Update</p>	<p>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) representative John Lisco, MPH, CHES, provided an update on CDC activities of interest to the Council, including funding. The Council is currently supported by funding from CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support and Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services.</p> <p>Mr. Lisco shared information about CDC's Public Health Associate Program and encouraged Council member organizations to distribute the information and to consider applying as a host site.</p>	<p>Council staff will send Council member organizations information about the Public Health Associate Program.</p>
<p>Academic Health Department Learning Community</p> <p>➤ Status of Activities</p>	<p>Academic Health Department (AHD) Learning Community Chair Dr. Keck provided an update on the Learning Community. The Learning Community has grown to approximately 420 members, and the needs assessment that was conducted in early 2014 is being used to plan</p>	

<p>➤ Mentorship Program</p>	<p>Learning Community activities.</p> <p>The Learning Community continues to meet regularly, holding meetings in June 2014 to discuss the results of the needs assessment, August 2014 to plan for the AHD mentorship program, and October 2014 to hear results of a recent survey conducted by Learning Community member Paul Campbell Erwin, MD, DrPH, of the University of Tennessee Department of Public Health, that explored characteristics of AHDs. The next Learning Community meeting, scheduled for February 3, 2015, will focus on national health department accreditation and feature guest speaker Jessica Kronstadt, MPP, of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Learning Community meetings have transitioned from a conference call format to webinars.</p> <p>Questions continue to be exchanged within the Learning Community, and a listserv is being created to facilitate communication. It is hoped that the listserv will be available by the end of January. AHD partnership agreements that can be shared through the Council website continue to be sought, and submissions are welcome.</p> <p>The Learning Community’s largest current effort is developing an AHD mentorship program to foster AHDs by building ongoing relationships between individuals involved in AHD efforts. This program is in the planning stages; the structure and operation of the program are being developed, and a purpose statement has been drafted and is included in the meeting materials. Bryn Manzella, MPH, from the Jefferson County Department of Health (AL) is chairing the program, and approximately 40 Learning Community members have expressed interest in serving as mentors or mentees to date. A brief form has been drafted to help collect information from potential mentors about areas in which they have experience or expertise and are willing to offer guidance to others. Information about mentors will be made available on the Council website and will be used to help connect mentees with appropriate mentors. The mentorship program is expected to launch early in 2015. Updates on progress will be shared through the <i>Council on Linkages Update</i>.</p>	<p>Examples of AHD partnership agreements can be sent to Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org.</p> <p>Anyone interested in participating in the AHD mentorship program as a mentor or mentee, or providing feedback on planning for the mentorship program or other Learning Community activities, can email Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org.</p> <p>Council staff will provide updates on the mentorship program through the <i>Council on Linkages Update</i>.</p>
<p>Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals</p> <p>➤ Status of Promotion and Tools for the 2014</p>	<p>Dr. Keck provided an update on the 2014 Core Competencies. This revised version of the Core Competencies was unanimously adopted by the Council on June 26, 2014. Dr. Keck thanked all Council members and member organizations for their engagement throughout the yearlong</p>	

<p>Version</p> <p>➤ Council Member Organizations' Promotion Activities</p>	<p>review and revision process.</p> <p>Since the release of the 2014 Core Competencies, numerous activities have been undertaken to ensure that the public health community is aware of and has access to this version. These dissemination and promotion efforts have involved Council member organizations, the Core Competencies Workgroup, and other public health professionals and organizations and have included email announcements, newsletter articles, presentations at meetings and conferences, webinars, and updates to the TRAIN learning management network.</p> <p>Work to update existing tools and develop new tools to help support use of the Core Competencies has also continued. These tools include a crosswalk of the 2014 and 2010 versions of the Core Competencies, self-assessment instruments, collections of competency-based job descriptions and workforce development plans, and examples of Core Competencies use. Submissions of job descriptions and workforce development plans that incorporate the Core Competencies and examples of Core Competencies use are welcome. Additional tools currently being developed include a competency checklist for course providers and a set of frequently asked questions about the Core Competencies. Feedback collected during the review and revision of the Core Competencies is helping to guide decisions about future tool development, and the Core Competencies Workgroup will be discussing tool development during its next meeting on January 22, 2015.</p> <p>Dr. Keck invited all Council members to speak briefly about their organizations' activities to disseminate and promote the 2014 Core Competencies. A summary of such activities was included in the materials for the meeting. Organizations reporting included the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American College of Preventive Medicine, American Public Health Association (APHA), Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR), Association of Accredited Public Health Programs, Association of Public Health Laboratories, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Association of University Programs in Health Administration, CDC, CCPH, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), National Association of County and City Health</p>	<p>Examples of job descriptions and workforce development plans that incorporate the Core Competencies and other examples of Core Competencies use can be sent to Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org.</p> <p>Council staff will update the summary of activities to disseminate and promote the 2014 Core Competencies with additional information shared by Council member organizations about their activities.</p>
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<p>Other Business and Next Steps</p>	<p>Dr. Keck asked if there was any other business to address.</p> <p>Council Assistant Director Kathleen Amos, MLIS, shared that two <i>Framing the Future</i> reports from ASPPH are now open for public comment. ASPPH's Rita Kelliher, MSPH, invited comments on the reports.</p> <p>NLM representative Lisa Lang, MPP, gave an update on work with the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Population Health Improvement to identify relevant literature and resources.</p> <p>Mr. Bialek gave an update on recent efforts to work with HRSA to share the Public Health Workforce Development Inventory with the de Beaumont Foundation's National Consortium for Public Health Workforce Development.</p> <p>Dr. Keck shared that data collected through the Public Health Workers Survey continues to be disseminated through presentations, including two at the 2014 APHA Annual Meeting, and several articles are being drafted.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Council has not been scheduled, but will likely be held by webinar or conference call. Council staff will be in contact to schedule that meeting.</p>	<p>Council staff will send Council member organizations the <i>Framing the Future</i> reports.</p> <p>Council staff will schedule the next Council meeting.</p>