



Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice Virtual Meeting

Date: June 23, 2023, 12:30-2:30pm EST

Meeting Minutes

Members and Designees Present: Rex Archer, Olabisi Badmus, Terry Brandenburg, Lori Edwards, Michael Fagen, Leah Gillis, Gary Gilmore, Paul Halverson, Nancy Harada, Amy Lee, Susan Swider, Erin Seedorf, Michelle Carvalho, Erica Smith, Laura Rasar King, Serena McCovery

Other Participants Present: Henrietta Ampofo, Rocio Arguijo, Jessica Arrazola, Sarah Auer, Jennifer Beard, Chrissy Beluk, Jo Anne Bennett, Chandlee Bryan, Nadia Bibtana, Emily Burke, Kathy Burlingame, Jasmine Burris, Carmen Carrillo, Jon Carlson, Autumn Carter, Candy Cates, Ben Chananie, Marita Chilton, Grace Chong, Heather Clark, Megan Comlossy, Mona Cooper, Michelle Davis, Emily Dejka, Annie Delawder, Vanessa Deleon, Mary Dewan, Courtney Dezendorf, Robert Dickinson, Cynthia Dunn, Stephanie Dunson, Ashley Edmiston, Juliana Enos, Dory Escobar, Jocelyn Estiandan, Karyn Faber, Lauralee Fernandez, Andrew Foley, Ebony Funches, Ladan Ghedi, Jacqueline Gierlach, Adrienne Gill, Waqqas Hanafi, Amra Handzic, Tiffany Harris, Ans Irfan, Matt Jackson, Allison Jacobs, Sonia Jones, Tiffany Jones, Kristen Kelm, Tamnnet Kidanu, Shawn Kiernan, Jeff Kindrai, April Klein, Sam Kreis, Vanessa Lamers, Colin Laughney, Tia Leach, Belinda Leslie, Karya Lustig, Buba Malam, Helen Malcolm, Nicola Marsden-Haug, J'Vonnah Maryman, Thai Nguyen, Angela O'Bryant, Karin Opacich, Marshare Penny, Christine Pereira, Monselue Perez, Lynelle Phillips, Monique Powell, Alicia Primus, Beth Ransopher, Laura Rheault, Jennifer Ricci, Carey Riccitelli, Kristanna Rivera, Daniel Rizik-Baer, Jennifer Schroeder Tyson, Josette Shipley, Tara Spencer, Leslie Stalnaker, Vicki Stamps, Chris Stan, Jane Steinburg, JT Theofilos, Pam Thunder, Michael Villalobos, Lora Wade, Dawn Williams, Sarah Worthington, Namvar Zohoori, Mona Zuffante

Staff Present: Bill Keck, Ron Bialek, Mayela Arana, Grace Davis

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Overview of Agenda	The meeting began with a welcome by Council Chair C. William Keck, MD, MPH. Dr. Keck thanked the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the funding support that has enabled current Council activities, reminded participants of the Council's mission, and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.	
Approval of Minutes from November 30, 2022 Meeting	Dr. Keck asked for any changes to the minutes of the November 30, 2022 Council meeting. Gary Gilmore, MPH, PhD, MCHES, moved to approve the minutes as written. Michael Fagen, PhD, MPH, seconded the motion. No additions or corrections.	Minutes of the November 30, 2022 Council meeting were approved as written.
Council Membership Votes – Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists,	Dr. Keck called for a vote on granting the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) formal Council membership following completion of its preliminary membership period.	CSTE was granted formal Council membership.

<p>Public Health Accreditation Board</p>	<p>Dr. Keck called for a vote on granting the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) formal Council membership following completion of its preliminary membership period.</p>	<p>PHAB was granted formal Council membership.</p>
<p>Rebuilding the Public Health Workforce</p>	<p>Council Director Ron Bialek, MPP, introduced a discussion on current efforts to rebuild the public health workforce.</p> <p>Jon Carlson, Deputy Director, Public Health Infrastructure Grant, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shared information and updates on the Public Health Infrastructure Grant including providing examples of grantee’s academic health department partnerships.</p> <p>Stephanie Dunson, Public Health Advisor at the Division of Workforce Development, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided an overview of the Public Health AmeriCorps program including purpose, membership eligibility, activities, funding updates, and member experiences from across the country.</p> <p>Mr. Bialek facilitated discussion with Council members and attendees surrounding the Public Health Improvement Grant updates and Public Health AmeriCorps.</p>	
<p>Academic Health Department Learning Community</p>	<p>Grace Davis, Project Assistant, Academic/Practice Linkages, Public Health Foundation, provided an update on Academic Health Department (AHD) Learning Community activities.</p> <p>The AHD Learning Community is a national community that brings together and supports practitioners, educators, researchers, and others to explore AHD partnerships, share their experiences, and engage in collaborative learning. Since its launch in January 2011, the AHD Learning Community has grown to more than 1,600 members from health departments, academic institutions, and other organizations across the country. The Learning Community offers resources and activities to support AHD partnerships, including a venue for sharing examples and stories of AHD partnerships, webinars featuring AHD partnerships, examples of partnership agreements, a listserv for communication, and technical assistance.</p> <p>Thus far in 2023, the Learning Community and its resources and tools have been accessed online more than 2,800 times. This brings online usage of the Learning Community and its resources and tools since its launch to more than 83,000 visits. To date in 2023, Council staff have responded to 18 requests for technical assistance related to AHD partnerships, serving organizations in 13 states and DC.</p> <p>AHD partnerships were highlighted at the 2023 Public Health Improvement Training Conference (PHIT) this</p>	<p>More information about the AHD Learning</p>

	<p>June in a session: <i>Strengthening Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice</i>. AHD partnerships will also be discussed in a webinar in late September/early October of this year as part of the AHD Webinar Series. Additional details about the event will be shared through the Council website, AHD Learning Community, and <i>Council on Linkages Update</i>.</p> <p>Ms. Davis invited questions about the AHD Learning Community.</p>	<p>Community and its activities is available through the AHD Learning Community section of the Council website or by contacting Mayela Arana at marana@phf.org.</p>
<p>Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals</p>	<p>Ms. Davis provided an update on the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (Core Competencies).</p> <p>The Core Competencies, a set of foundational or crosscutting skills for professionals engaged in public health practice, education, and research, are used in workforce development activities across the US. The most current data show that approximately 80% of state health departments, 60% of tribal health organizations, 45% of local health departments, 25% of territorial health departments, and 90% of academic programs with a public health focus use the Core Competencies. The Core Competencies are used in a variety of ways, including to guide development of job descriptions and performance objectives, competency or training needs assessments, education and training, workforce development plans, other competency sets, and other tools and resources to support professional development for public health professionals. These competencies also appear in major national initiatives, such as Healthy People and accreditation; are integrated into the TRAIN Learning Network; and are designed to reflect the knowledge and skills needed to deliver the 10 Essential Public Health Services.</p> <p>Thus far in 2023, the Core Competencies and resources and tools that support implementation have been accessed online more than 73,000 times, with more than 38,000 visits to the Core Competencies and more than 35,000 visits to resources and tools. Since the latest version of the Core Competencies was released in November 2021, the webpage has been visited over 76,000 times. In 2023, Council staff have responded to 14 requests for assistance related to the Core Competencies, serving organizations in 8 states and Canada.</p> <p>Since the release of the 2021 Core Competencies in October 2021, Council staff have been working on updating and developing resources and tools that support use of the Core Competencies and help with the transition from the 2014 to the 2021 version. Updated competency assessments are available on the Council website, and the 2021 Core Competencies have been made available on the TRAIN Learning Network as a search filter. A competency prioritization tool that supports organizations in identifying the most important</p>	

	<p>Core Competencies for different public health jobs has been updated to help organizations in determining where to focus competency development efforts. Most recently, updated domain definitions are available to describe the contents of each of the 2021 Core Competencies domains. The Core Competencies Tools page on the PHF website has also been updated with a format that highlights resources for the 2021 version. Updates of additional resources and tools are underway. As resources and tools are completed, they will be posted on the Council website and shared through the <i>Council on Linkages Update</i>.</p> <p>Ms. Davis invited questions about the Core Competencies.</p>	<p>More information about the Core Competencies can be found through the Core Competencies section of the Council website or by contacting Mayela Arana at marana@phf.org.</p>
<p>Council Strategic Directions Proposed Revisions</p>	<p>Dr. Keck discussed proposed revisions to the Council Strategic Directions, providing a history of the Strategic Directions and explaining each change proposed by Council staff. Dr. Keck requested that Council members review the changes by the end of July and provide feedback if necessary. Council members will vote on the adoption of the proposed revisions before the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Keck invited questions about the Strategic Directions.</p>	<p>More information about the Council Strategic Directions is available on the Council website.</p>
<p>CSTE Applied Epidemiology Competencies</p>	<p>Dr. Keck invited Sarah Auer, Program Analyst, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), to speak about the newly revised Applied Epidemiology Competencies. Ms. Auer shared updates on the revision process, content changes, and how the Council can engage with the competencies moving forward.</p> <p>Dr. Keck invited questions for Ms. Auer.</p>	<p>More information about the revisions of the CSTE Applied Epidemiology Competencies can be found on the CSTE website.</p>
<p>Other Business and Next Steps</p>	<p>Dr. Keck asked if there was any other business to address.</p> <p>The next Council meeting is set to take place on September 26, 2023. More information will be shared when it is available.</p>	<p>Questions can be sent to Mayela Arana at marana@phf.org.</p>