



COUNCIL ON LINKAGES BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Health Professions – Developing Health Outcome Measures

The Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr) is in the midst of a strategic planning process intended, in part, to consider developing evidence-based health outcome measures, or indicators, that can be used to measure the progress of its programs over time. As you know, BHPr primarily focuses its programs on workforce development to get the right people, with the right skills, in the right places, to achieve the right health outcomes. However, it is often difficult to demonstrate specific links between workforce development activities and community health outcomes.

To better address this important issue, BHPr established a Health Outcomes Workgroup, charged with proposing specific measures and indicators. The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council) has been asked to assist BHPr in this effort. Please find included in this section of the notebook a copy of the draft strategic plan and list of current BHPR programs.

During this portion of the Council meeting, Dr. David Rutstein will briefly describe what BHPr's goals in developing health outcomes are, and why this is an important effort. Council members will have an opportunity to ask questions and begin discussing potential evidence-based measures that the BHPr may wish to consider. One possible outcome of this discussion may be the formation of a small workgroup to continue exploring measures that can be proposed to BHPR.