



COUNCIL ON LINKAGES BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

Meeting Minutes
 Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice
Pipeline Workgroup Call
 Via Conference Call
 Thursday, April 14, 2008, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Members Present: Vince Francisco, Tanya Uden-Holman, Susan Lepre, Beth Lamana, Patrick Remington

Staff Present: Ron Bialek, Ruth Gelles

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Recap of Council on Linkages In-Person Meeting	<p>Vince Francisco gave a brief summary of the discussions at the Council on Linkages In-Person Meeting. He explained the Council's decision to shift the work of the Workgroup from a pipeline graphic to a policy statement. The Council felt that no matter how much work the Workgroup did, it would not be able to gather enough existing data to answer the questions asked.</p> <p>Workgroup members agreed that this is a logical next step given the lack of available data.</p> <p>Workgroup members briefly discussed the need for a more comprehensive research study. Ron Bialek explained that the current lack of funding prevents the Council from undertaking a study itself. The policy statement from this Workgroup will help the Council's individual member organizations apply for funding to conduct the type of study that is needed. Eventually this could lead to approaching federal organizations for funding.</p> <p>Members briefly discussed what a study of this kind might entail. An important first step would be defining the boundaries within governmental public health (e.g., are positions like mental and substance abuse counselors included?)</p>	
Discussion of Policy Statement	<p>Mr. Bialek opened the discussion by summarizing comments received ahead of time from Workgroup Members Susan Allan and Gillian Silver.</p> <p>Both Dr. Allan and Ms. Silver agreed that we need to</p>	

	<p>consider to whom we are aiming our policy statement, as this will affect wording. Dr. Allan also stressed the importance of federal agency roles, as well as specific Council member organizations such as ASTHO and NACCHO. Ms. Silver mentioned the current work of ASTHO and said that the Workgroup may want to look at their recommendations.</p> <p>Members noted that parts of the policy statement are unclear as to what numbers we are looking for (e.g., “public health” vs. “governmental agency public health”). More clarification will help for the “Ideas” section.</p> <p>Anywhere “public health” is mentioned in the policy statement, this should be changed to “governmental agency public health” for clarity.</p> <p>For gathering data, it is important to recognize that employer (local, state, federal government vs. non-profit vs. for profit) is one dimension and type of work is another.</p>	
Next Steps	<p>Workgroup staff will edit the policy statement for clarity, keeping in mind the current discussion. A new draft will be sent to Workgroup members in advance of the May 8, 2008 final Workgroup conference call.</p>	