



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

Date: July 28, 2011

Time: 12:30-2:30 pm EDT

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Members Present: C. William Keck (Chair), Melissa Alperin, Chris Atchison, Wendy Braund, Jack DeBoy, Diane Downing, Terry Dwelle, Vince Francisco, Gary Gilmore, Julia Heany, Denise Koo, Lisa Lang, Amy Lee, Louis Rowitz, Hugh Tilson

Other Participants Present: Nor Hashidah Abd Hamid, Wanda Aberle, Karlene Baddy, Noel Bazini-Barakat, Marita Chilton, Judy Compton, Mark Edgar, Rachel Eisenstein, Joan Ellison, Alex Hart, Janet Heinrich, Mehran Massoudi, Robin Pendley, Janet Place, Dean Seneca, Chris Stan, Liz Weist

Staff Present: Ron Bialek, Kathleen Amos

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Overview of Agenda	<p>The meeting began with a welcome by Council on Linkages Chair C. William Keck, MD, MPH. Roll call was conducted.</p> <p>Dr. Keck introduced Dean Seneca, MPH, MCURP, Senior Scientist in the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as the Public Health Foundation's (PHF) Project Officer (which includes funding for the Council).</p> <p>Dr. Keck reviewed the agenda for the meeting.</p>	
Introduction of New Council Members	<p>Dr. Keck welcomed and introduced two new members of the Council: Melissa "Moose" Alperin, MPH, MCHES, representing the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), and Louis Rowitz, PhD, representing the National Public Health Leadership Development Network.</p> <p>Dr. Keck introduced Kathleen Amos, MLIS as the Council's new Project Manager at PHF.</p>	
Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2011 Meeting	A motion was made to approve the minutes as written.	Minutes of the March 29, 2011 Council meeting were approved as written.
HRSA Recruiting	Janet Heinrich, DrPH, RN, Associate Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions spoke to the Council about three position openings at HRSA: Director for the Division of Public Health and Interdisciplinary Education, Deputy Director for the Division of Public Health and Interdisciplinary Education, and Director for the Division of Workforce and	Dr. Heinrich will provide Council staff with position announcements when available to share with Council members.

	Performance Management. HRSA appreciates the Council's assistance in identifying high quality candidates. Letters of interest may be sent to bhpradmin@hrsa.gov.	
Council Chair Election Results	Council Director Ron Bialek, MPP reported the results of the election for Council Chair held in July. Dr. Keck was re-elected Chair in a unanimous vote.	
Status of Council Funding	<p>Denise Koo, MD, MPH of CDC provided an update on the status of Council funding from CDC and other CDC activities of potential interest to the Council, including workforce planning meetings; CDC Learning Connection; and CDC TRAIN. Both the Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (OSELs) and OSTLTS remain engaged with the work of the Council.</p> <p>Wendy Braund, MD, MPH, MEd of HRSA provided an update on the status of Council funding from HRSA and other HRSA activities of potential interest to the Council, including the Institute of Medicine study on integrating primary care and public health; the Healthy Weight Collaborative; a new public health internship program; and grants for the Area Health Education Centers, the Health Careers Opportunity Program, and the Public Health Training Centers.</p>	
New Strategic Directions for 2011-2015	Dr. Keck proposed strategies for addressing the administrative priorities identified during the Council's strategic planning. The strategies were discussed by the Council. Council members were encouraged to send further suggestions related to the administrative priorities to Council staff.	Council staff will implement the outlined strategies for addressing administrative priorities.
Academic Health Department Learning Community Report	Academic Health Department (AHD) Workgroup Chair Dr. Keck reported on the status of the AHD Learning Community. The Learning Community has 83 members, has held two conference call meetings, and is working to identify AHDs and create resources to support AHD efforts. The AHD Workgroup thanked the American Public Health Association (APHA) and Karlene Baddy, MEd for providing time at the 2011 APHA Annual Meeting to hold the first in-person Learning Community meeting. Council members discussed opportunities to increase awareness of the Learning Community.	
Core Competencies Workgroup Report	Competencies to Practice Toolkit Subgroup Chair Janet Place, MPH reported on the status of tool development for the Competencies to Practice Toolkit. A number of tools are in various stages of development and volunteers have been recruited for continued tool development and review.	

	<p>Council members discussed tracking use of the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (Core Competencies).</p> <p>Core Competencies Workgroup Chair Diane Downing, PhD, RN recommended combining the Core Competencies Workgroup and Competencies to Practice Toolkit Subgroup in order to maximize member engagement. Dr. Downing and Ms. Place would co-chair the combined group. A motion was made to combine the Core Competencies Workgroup and Competencies to Practice Toolkit Subgroup.</p> <p>Dr. Downing reported on upcoming presentations related to the Core Competencies.</p>	<p>The consolidation of the Core Competencies Workgroup and the Competencies to Practice Toolkit Subgroup with Dr. Downing and Ms. Place as co-chairs was unanimously approved.</p>
Pipeline Workgroup Report	<p>Pipeline Workgroup Chair Vince Francisco, PhD reported on the work of the Pipeline Workgroup to date, including literatures searches and the Public Health Workers Survey, and plans for a presentation at the APHA Annual Meeting and an additional survey. Data from the 2010 Public Health Workers Survey are available to Council member organizations.</p> <p>Dr. Keck proposed refocusing the Pipeline Workgroup to explore strategies for guiding the implementation of the workforce provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).</p>	<p>The Pipeline Workgroup will shift its focus from recruitment and retention to the ACA.</p>
Training Impact Task Force Report	<p>Training Impact Task Force Chair Dr. Braund reported on the status of the newest Council initiative, identifying methods and tools to improve and measure the impact of training. An 11 member Training Impact Task Force has been created to guide this initiative, which is set to produce a brief methods and tools document and literature search by July 2012.</p>	
Other Business	<p>An updated public health systems and services research (PHSSR) agenda is being developed through the National Coordinating Center for PHSSR.</p> <p>ASPH shared that the Undergraduate Public Health Learning Outcomes Model would be released July 29, 2011.</p>	<p>Council staff will send information on the PHSSR research agenda to Council members.</p> <p>Liz Weist, MA, MPH, CPH of ASPH will send Council staff information about the Undergraduate Public Health Learning Outcomes Model to share with Council members.</p>
Next Steps	<p>Dr. Keck informed the Council that its next meeting has not yet been scheduled, but that Council staff will be in contact to do so.</p>	<p>Council staff will schedule the next Council meeting.</p>