



Training Impact Task Force Member Update

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Recruitment and selection of Training Impact Task Force (Task Force) members has been underway since March, and formal invitations are expected to be sent out by the end of July. In mid-March, Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council) member organizations were asked to recommend individuals with the desired Task Force expertise. A follow-up round of emails went out to a subset of Council members by mid-May along with reminder phone calls. An impressive 22 names were received by the end of May. In June, biographical information was reviewed and research conducted on the nominees. To assure Task Force membership has a well-rounded set of perspectives as it engages in its work, focus areas of expertise were created. The focus areas are: curriculum development, training evaluation, return on investment (ROI) and organizational capacity building, and public health workforce. Along with considering focus areas, the Chair reviewed nominees' experience, field of discipline, and publications relevant to the project, and has selected 10 individuals to serve on the Task Force. The size of the Task Force is being limited to 10 members so that all individuals have ample opportunity to participate during conference call meetings. Staff is in the process of contacting individuals selected to serve on the Task Force to confirm their willingness and availability to serve. It is anticipated that the first Task Force conference call meeting will be held in late August or early September.