

Academic Health Department Learning Community: Supporting Collaboration in Public Health

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Overview

- Introduction to the Academic Health Department (AHD) Learning Community and AHDs
- AHD Learning Community Activities
- Get Involved!



Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice

- To improve public health practice, education, and research by:
 - Fostering, coordinating, and monitoring links among academia and the public health and healthcare community;
 - Developing and advancing innovative strategies to build and strengthen public health infrastructure; and
 - Creating a process for continuing public health education throughout one's career.

- **20 National Public Health Organizations:**
 - American Association of Colleges of Nursing
 - American College of Preventive Medicine
 - American Public Health Association
 - Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
 - Association of Accredited Public Health Programs
 - Association of Public Health Laboratories
 - Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
 - Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
 - Association of University Programs in Health Administration
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
 - Health Resources and Services Administration
 - National Association of County and City Health Officials
 - National Association of Local Boards of Health
 - National Environmental Health Association
 - National Library of Medicine
 - National Network of Public Health Institutes
 - National Public Health Leadership Development Network
 - Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
 - Society for Public Health Education



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Academic Health Department (AHD) Learning Community

- National community of professionals focused on developing, maintaining, and expanding AHDs
 - More than 300 members
 - Practitioners, educators, and researchers
 - Primarily working in public health
- Facilitates shared exploration of the AHD concept



Academic Health Department

- Affiliation of a health department and an academic health professions institution
- Public health's version of the teaching hospital/medical school partnership
- Collaborative relationship to enhance public health education and training, research, and service
- Strengthens linkages between academia and public health practice



AHD Elements

- Relationship between an academic and a public health practice organization
- Formal written partnership agreement
- Collaborative public health education or training
- Joint research projects
- Shared provision of public health services
- Shared personnel
- Shared resources
- Compensation for services provided



AHD Benefits

- Address community health needs more effectively
- Build and use practice-based evidence
- Maximize resource use
- Better prepare students for public health practice careers
- Support recruitment of qualified professionals
- Facilitate lifelong learning
- Increase awareness of public health
- Meet accreditation standards
- **Improve public health system and community health**



AHD Learning Community

- Launched in January 2011
- Supports development, maintenance, and expansion of AHD partnerships
- Brings together practitioners, educators, and researchers to share experiences and collaborate
- Promotes knowledge sharing, collaborative learning, and resource development



AHD Learning Community Discussion

➤ Meetings

- Conference calls and webinars
- In-person

➤ PHF Pulse Blog

- AHDs and the Learning Community
- Steps in AHD Development
- AHDs in an Evolving Public Health Environment
- Exploring Health Reform Opportunities for AHDs

➤ Add your comments at <http://www.phf.org/phfpulse>

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Blog

Paul Campbell Erwin: Translating Research into Practice - Is Your Academic Health Department Leading the Way?

Posted in: Council on Linkages, and Workforce Development

August 29, 2011

Paul Campbell Erwin, MD, DrPH, Professor and Department Head, Department of Public Health, University of Tennessee

Academic health department (AHD) partnerships bring together academic institutions and health departments to strengthen public health education and training, research, and practice.

Continue Reading...

Louise A. Kent: Developing Academic Health Departments - A Practice Perspective

Posted in: Council on Linkages, and Workforce Development

March 31, 2011

Louise A. Kent, MBA, ASQ COIA, Health Planning Administrator, Northern Kentucky Health Department

With a growing interest to support the expansion of Academic Health Departments (AHDs) across the nation, it is worth taking time to mention the benefits of being an AHD and then briefly explore a 'stepped...

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John Gwinn: What Does Your Model Academic Health Department Health Officer Look Like?

Posted in: Council on Linkages, and Workforce Development

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Joan Miles: PHF's New Vision

C. William Keck: Academic Health Departments

John Gwinn: What Does Your Model Academic Health Department Health Officer Look Like?

Ilya Plotkin: How does your organization track training?

Kaye Bender: What is the relationship between accreditation and quality improvement in public health?



AHD Learning Community Resources

- **Concept Paper**
 - Describes basic elements of the AHD model
 - Working draft

- **Bibliography**
 - List of AHD-related literature
 - Updated as new materials are discovered

- **Partnership Agreements**
 - Sample agreements for guidance
 - Seeking to expand collection



AHD Learning Community Profiles

➤ Personal profiles for AHD Learning Community members to share their experiences

The image displays three screenshots of the AHD Learning Community website, each showing a member profile. The website has a blue header with the PHF logo and navigation links: ABOUT PHF | CONSULTING & TRAINING SERVICES | CONTACT US | SUPPORT US. Below the header is a search bar and a main navigation menu with tabs for HOME, FOCUS AREAS, PROGRAMS, RESOURCES & TOOLS, NEWS, EVENTS, and PHF PULSE. The profile pages include a member's name, title, location, contact information, and a bio. The bio for Eric Gass, PhD, mentions his work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Health Department. Bryn Manzella, MPH, is the Director of Quality Improvement at Jefferson County Department of Health. C. William Keck, MD, MPH, is a Professor Emeritus and Retired Director of Health at Akron, OH.

➤ Available online



Recent AHD Learning Community Activities

➤ Membership

- Rapid growth to 300+ members
- Primarily U.S. public health professionals
- Involvement from a variety of public health sectors

➤ Meetings

- Introductory webinar meetings
 - Held 2 in May and archived for reuse
 - Provided an overview of AHDs and the AHD Learning Community
 - Available directly and through TRAIN
- September conference call meeting
 - Focused on potential roles for AHDs in the education, training, and practice of public health workers around health reform



Upcoming AHD Learning Community Activities

➤ Next meeting

- TODAY from 4:30-6 pm in BCEC 256 (Session 4397.0)
- 3rd in-person meeting
- Focused on AHDs and health reform

➤ Needs assessment

- Planning to conduct
- Identify activities, topics, and resources desired by members
- Help guide future activities



Upcoming AHD Learning Community Activities

- Topic-specific subgroups
 - Capture and share knowledge in a specific area
 - Facilitate working meetings
 - Help meet the needs of a diverse membership
- Improved profiles
 - Support connecting and sharing experiences
 - Help identify expertise
- Mentorship program
 - Support collaborative learning
 - Facilitate sharing and building expertise



Upcoming AHD Learning Community Activities

- Refine the AHD definition
 - Propose stages of AHD development
 - Help in identifying/recognizing AHD partnerships
- Considering a survey on AHD characteristics
 - Learn more about AHD partnerships
 - Working with researchers at the University of Tennessee and Washington University in St. Louis
- Continue to build awareness and connections
 - National associations
 - *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*



Get Involved!

- Visit the AHD Learning Community online:
<http://www.phf.org/programs/AHDLC>
- Join the AHD Learning Community or subscribe to the
Council on Linkages Update: kamos@phf.org
- Questions?

Thank you!

