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







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

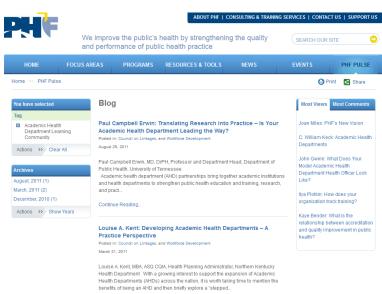
- > Conference calls and webinars
- > In-person

> 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





Continue Reading.

John Gwinn: What Does Your Model Academic Health Department Health Officer Look Like? Poted in Council on Linkaes, and Workforce Development



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







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: <u>http://www.phf.org/programs/AHDLC</u>

Join the AHD Learning Community or subscribe to the Council on Linkages Update: <u>kamos@phf.org</u>

> Questions?

Thank you!



