

Center of Excellence In Workforce Research and Policy
University of Kentucky College of Public Health

Report of Activities

October 1, 2008—December 31, 2008

1. Center work team established (Attachment 1)
2. Year 1 activities have been planned, following the agreed-upon deliverables, and in consultation with CDC.
3. Abstract describing work of the Center has been developed for use in disseminating information to the public. (Attachment 2)
4. National Advisory Committee has been established (Attachment 3). We anticipate 3 additional members by the committee's initial meeting in April.
5. We have consulted with PHSSR team librarian who posts database information to NLM website and who will also post any database information gathered by our team. We have already added several new databases to the NLM PHSR Research Resources website on public health workforce data. In addition we have worked with the librarians and research team to devise a targeted search strategy for information pertaining to the public health workforce that will be added to the CPHSSR website listings of bibliographic material.
6. We are working with the Keeneland Conference organizers on logistics for Advisory Committee meeting which will take place at the site of the conference the day before the conference begins. We are also working with CDC's Dr. Crawford to develop a special conference panel on public health workforce research. The panel will highlight the latest research regarding the public health workforce and provide a venue for discussion among interested researchers and practice stakeholders.
7. We are actively providing technical assistance to researchers with whom we've had contact and have invited them to participate in the upcoming PHSSR conference where we will be highlighting research on the workforce, and to share manuscripts with the Center and thus other researchers.
8. Research assistants on the COE team have gathered data/information from multiple sources, including CSTE, APHL, NEHA, and others. They are actively contacting as many groups as we can identify to encourage either release of raw data or information about access to it for posting on the NLM site.
9. We have investigated the development of a dedicated PHWRP website, but discovered that is simply not financially feasible to either set up or maintain within current budget. We are, thus, working with CDC to develop a format for posting on the OWCD website, and we will be adding information about the Center's work to the University of Kentucky College of Public Health website (<http://www.mc.uky.edu/publichealth/research.html>).
10. Upcoming plans include face-to-face meetings with academic researchers who have requested a meeting to discuss enumeration efforts, telephone conferences with the several researchers who have contacted us and who have new information on the workforce to share, coordination/collaboration with the HRSA Health Workforce Assistance Center at the University

of North Dakota, and continued planning for a robust advisory committee meeting in April and a strong workforce research presentations at the Keeneland Conference.

11. [COE researchers are submitting abstracts about COE work to Academy Health and APHA for 2009 annual meetings](#)