

Center of Excellence In Public Health Workforce Research and Policy

University of Kentucky College of Public Health

Report of Activities

January 1, 2009—March 31, 2009

1. Advisory Committee fully established with 12 members. First meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2009, from 9 AM to 1 PM in Lexington, KY, at venue for Keeneland Conference which begins that evening.
2. COEWRP has established a web presence with description on UK College of Public Health (CPH) Research Centers page. A dedicated COEWRP page is being developed with the assistance of CPH IT staff. It will contain additional information about the Center's mission, staff, and resources, as well as links to relevant sites and a bibliography.
3. COEWRP has worked closely with CDC's Dr. Carol Crawford in developing an expert panel on public health workforce research for the Keeneland Conference. Dr. David Meltzer (University of Chicago), Dr. Hugh Tilson (UNC), Dr. Peter Buerhaus (Vanderbilt University), Dr. Claude Earl Fox (University of Miami), and Mr. George Stamas (Bureau of Labor Statistics) will be panelists for the presentation on April 8, 2009.
4. COEWRP staff have submitted six abstracts to upcoming national meeting organizers. One was submitted for the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; three were submitted for the Academy Health Public Health Services Research Interest Group Meeting; one was submitted for the Academic Public Health Caucus of APHA; and one was submitted for the APHA Health Administration Section. The abstracts for Academy Health were accepted for poster presentations.
5. COEWRP continues to gather information about public health workforce databases and to post information about them on the NLM website.
6. In addition to providing technical assistance as requested, staff is actively facilitating communication among researchers in the public health workforce community. As an example, Dr. Douglas Scutchfield, COEWRP Co-PI, introduced a researcher from the University of Michigan via e-mail to a researcher at the University of Tennessee. They held a fruitful email conversation and will meet for discussions at the Keeneland Conference.
7. COEWRP staff have had several conversations with principals of the University of North Dakota HRSA-funded Health Workforce Information Center (HWIC), and will continue to seek ways to

leverage activities to best serve public health workforce researchers. HWIC Project Officer Dr. Roger Straw is a member of the COEWRP Advisory Committee. We are working with him to coordinate our efforts with HRSA Bureau of Health Professions.

8. COEWRP staff are coordinating efforts with the data harmonization workgroup as they work with ASTHO, NACCHO, and NALBOH on planned surveys of those organizations.
9. Ms. Cynthia Lamberth, COEWRP Co-PI, and Ms. Jennifer Stanley, PHF Director of Public Health Systems Research, are discussing opportunities for analyzing TRAIN data to glean valuable information about the nation's public health workforce. TRAIN data elements will be a topic at the April 7, 2009, Advisory Committee meeting.
10. Ms. Susan Webb, COEWRP Project Manager, and Robin Pendley, COEWRP Research Assistant, developed and presented a presentation on workforce development and the COEWRP on March 28, 2009, to a doctoral class in public health systems and services research.
11. COEWRP Research Assistant Ms. Tourette Jackson is developing a travel schedule and draft of potential activities for work with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Summer 2009. COEWRP staff and Dr. Carol Crawford at CDC are assisting with the planning and will hold discussions on this topic with Mr. George Stamas, Chief, Division of Occupational Employment Statistics, BLS, during his trip to Lexington for the Keeneland Conference.
12. In response to a Federal Register Notice brought to our attention by Advisory Committee member George Stamas, COEWRP has requested feedback from the Advisory Committee on the Call for Suggestions for revision to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Responses are due April 7, 2009. COEWRP will compile responses and forward them in a formal statement.
13. COEWRP staff gave a presentation about the activities of the Center to the Council on Linkages during its meeting on March 23, 2009.