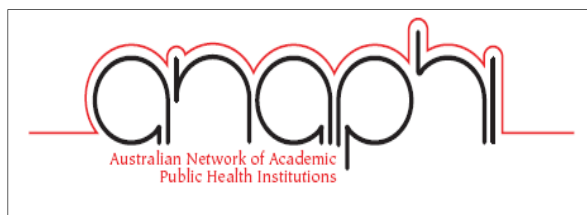


Happy New Year!



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Endorsement of Indigenous Public Health Curriculum Framework document due by **Monday, 3rd March 2008**

Just a reminder to all ANAPHI member institutions regarding the endorsement of the Indigenous Public Health Curriculum Framework Document (refer to e-mail sent on Tuesday, 12th February 2008).

Thank-you to all those who have already responded.

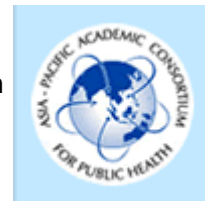
With regards to those yet to respond, if we don't hear from you prior to COB on Monday, 3rd March we will assume you have no specific objections and agree to ANAPHI endorsement of the framework.

Please contact the secretariat, Penelope Smith via e-mail (Penelope.smith@latrobe.edu.au) if you have any queries or would like to be resent the full document.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

** The latest **APACPH** newsletter can be downloaded from the following link: http://www.apacph.org/downloads/February_2008.pdf



Highlights from the newsletter include....APACPH Cambodia Initiative; APACPH Mini-Grants Launched ; 29th APACPH Conference Overview; New courses at ICUH; ECN activities; And much more!!!!

**Special Issue of WHO Bulletin (December 2007) - Public Health Education. Full bulletin can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/86/2/en/index.html>



Recommended Reading
From The Schools of Public Health

**Recommended Reading from the Schools of Public Health (taken from the ASPH Friday Letter, January 4th, 2008) can be located at the following link: http://fridayletter.asph.org/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=6541&FL_Index=1498#

RWJ RESEARCH - Measuring value of public health systems

Despite the many successes of public health in the 20th century, determining the actual value of governmental public health systems (GPHS) remains a challenge, and possible gaps exist between academic researchers and public health practitioners in measuring value. It is necessary that GPHS demonstrate measurable contributions to the population's health to provide policymakers and the public with a better understanding of the quantitative value of public health investments. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) initiative has released a new findings brief that examines related research led by Peter Jacobson, J.D., M.P.H., and Peter Neumann, Sc.D., which explores measuring the value of public health systems. You can find the findings brief here at the following link - <http://www.hcfo.net/pdf/findings0108.pdf>

This grant was funded through the HCFO Special Topic Solicitation in Public Health Systems Research, which recently awarded six new grants to explore the impact of specific public health strategies on the quality and performance of the United States public health system. Descriptions of all public health systems research grants can be found here at the following link - http://www.hcfo.net/phsr_grants.htm

Article of Interest

Advancing Transdisciplinary and Translational Research Practice: Issues and Models of Doctoral Education in Public Health

Linda Neuhauser, Dawn Richardson, Sonja Mackenzie, Meredith Minkler

Abstract – Finding solutions to complex health problems, such as obesity, violence, and climate change, will require radical changes in cross-disciplinary education, research, and practice. The fundamental determinants of health include many interrelated factors such as poverty, culture, education, environment, and government policies. However, traditional public health training has tended to focus more narrowly on diseases and risk factors, and has not adequately leveraged the rich contributions of sociology, anthropology, economics, geography, communication, political science, and other disciplines. Further, students are often not sufficiently trained to work across sectors to translate research findings into effective, large-scale sustainable actions.

During the past 2 decades, national and international organizations have called for more effective interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and translational approaches to graduate education. Although it has been difficult to work across traditional academic boundaries, some promising models draw on pedagogical theory and feature cross-disciplinary training focused on real-world problems, linkage between research, professional practice, community action, and cultivation of leadership skills.

We describe the development the Doctor of Public Health program at the University of California, Berkeley, USA and its efforts to improve transdisciplinary and translational research education. We stress the need for international collaboration to improve educational approaches and better evaluate their impact.

The full html version of the article can be found at the following link - <http://jrp.icaap.org/index.php/jrp/article/view/103/97>

Queensland Centre for Public Health



WE CAN'T DO THE WORK WITHOUT THE PEOPLE **Workforce shortages: addressing the challenges for population health**

It is widely recognised that health workforce shortages will escalate over the next 10-20 years. Population health, like other areas will need to collaborate with a broad range of stakeholders, to work within a human resource development framework. Integral to this will be the need for responsive education and training aligned to organisational needs.

The Queensland Centre for Public Health, in collaboration with industry partners, is hosting a lunch time workshop on 8 July; during the 2008 Population Health Congress in Brisbane. This workshop will bring together intersectoral perspectives on the challenges ahead, with discussions about planned and proposed initiatives. It is anticipated that the combined input from panel members and the audience will contribute to the ongoing dialogue about the challenges, solutions and future directions for population health workforce planning and development.

The session is aimed to attract an audience from government, non-government, professional associations and universities interested in addressing workforce issues. The current political focus on increasing investment in a promotion, protection and prevention agenda in the climate of a shrinking labour force is integral to the issue and raises the opportunity to investigate new education, training and partnership initiatives.

Submitted by Kathleen Lilley, Manager, Queensland Centre for Public Health

IMPORTANT DATES!

- ◆ The next ANAPHI Executive teleconference will be held on Tuesday, 18th March 2008 (3pm EST/DS).
- ◆ The next ANAPHI newsletter will be sent out on 26th March 2008. All items for the newsletter must be submitted to the secretariat, Penelope Smith, by COB on Friday, 21st March 2008.
- ◆ The Population Health Congress is to be held from 6th to 8th July. The ANAPHI lunchtime workshop will be held on Monday, 7th July. For more details of the congress please go to the following website: <http://www.populationhealthcongress.org.au/>

