

Centers for Public Health Preparedness

A Unique National Resource for
Public Health Systems Research

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Future of the Centers Program Consensus Statement

- Centers in a new program should be truly “Centers” that bring together the education, research, and service expertise within SPHs to assist practice partners in workforce and organizational preparedness.
- Centers should not be funded to focus on only one or a few of the four PAHPA-identified roles envisioned for Centers in a new program.

Rationale

- A True Center Model is the most effective and efficient approach to assuring that systems research will be practice relevant
- Adding Research to the mission of the existing centers builds on what has worked and will provide results sooner
- Many Centers are already preparing for future research activities

Future Directions

- Centers and practice partners should be involved in refining research agenda to develop priority research questions.

Future Directions

- Consider Prevention Research Center model with core funding supplemented by specific research projects.
- Consider Transition of NIOSH Educational Resource Centers to Education and **Research** Centers

Benefits of Center Approach

- Centers currently have the data needed to conduct research.
- Centers currently have the relationships needed to conduct research.
- Centers have capacity to conduct research or can build upon existing capacity.

Obstacles

- High indirect cost recovery rates for research further squeezes resources available for education, training, partnerships
- Concern that CDC is replacing investment in education and training with new emphasis for research.
- 50% Budget cut for Centers in 2008.

Potential Focus of Research

- Systems research could study the existing CPHP program as a network of networks
- Key systems research issues:
 - **Impact**
 - **Capacity**
 - **Performance**

Workforce Systems Research

- Study Impact of CPHPs on:
 - Knowledge Enhancement
 - Behavior Change
 - Systems Improvement
- Evaluate System Factors that influence these aspects of Impact

NC Nurse Surveillance Course

- **Direct Benefits**
 - Faster Communicable Disease Reporting
 - More Complete Reporting
 - Improvements in Surveillance System
- **Indirect Benefits**
 - Increased acceptance of distance learning
 - Greater computer literacy

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