

Kellogg Health Scholars Program Networking Meeting Proceedings

May 19-21, 2008

Executive Summary

The Kellogg Health Scholars Program (KHSP) Networking Meeting was held in Washington, DC, on May 19-21, 2008. The first half-day of this three-day event consisted of joint and separate meetings of the two tracks of the KHSP, Community Track and Multidisciplinary Track including orientation of incoming scholars and meetings of the finishing scholars, the National Advisory Committee, and the Training Site Leaders, and Community Track academic and community mentors.

The remainder of the conference was comprised of final presentations by finishing scholars; special presentations, panels, and breakouts on health disparities policy and advocacy; and collaborative thematic workshops organized by finishing scholars. The Networking Meeting concluded following a working lunch to discuss building synergies and connections as the KHSP moves forward over the next five years.

This Kellogg Health Scholars Program Networking Meeting Proceedings provide a summary of meeting activities, speaker and scholar bios, presentation abstracts and PowerPoint, notes from discussions and workshops, and a list of recommendations from our final working lunch discussion.

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Monday, May 19, 2008

Morning Meetings

These meetings included roundtables of finishing scholars, orientation of incoming scholars, the KHSP National Advisory Committee, the KHSP Training Site Leaders, and KHSP-CT Academic and Community Mentors.

Welcome and Introductions

Barbara Krimgold and **Toby Citrin**, Co-Directors of KHSP and Directors of the Multidisciplinary Track and Community Track, respectively, welcomed participants to the networking meeting. Participants included the incoming 2008 KHSP Scholars, current KHSP Scholars, antecedent program alumni, site directors, advisory committee members, policy advisors, and program evaluators. Unable to attend were WKKF Program Officer Al Yee and Vice President Gail Christopher, however an update on new developments at the foundation were provided. The new executive director of the Center For the Advancement of Health, **Dorothy Jeffress**, gave welcome and comments.

KHSP Final Scholar Presentations, concurrent session

Following lunch and continuing the next morning, KHSP scholars presented their final reports. Abstracts and PowerPoints of these presentations are attached to these proceedings.

Following three concurrent dinners (Multidisciplinary Track participants; KHSP-CT incoming, finishing and alumni scholars; all other KHSP-CT participants), the first day of the KHSP meeting was adjourned.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

The Role of CBPR in Advocating for Municipal Policies to Promote Health and Reduce Disparities (Presented by Nick Freudenberg)

The text and the discussion notes from this presentation by **Nick Freudenberg** are attached to this report.

KHSP Final Scholar Presentations, concurrent session (see above)

Panel and Discussion – Health Disparities Policy Agenda and Applying KHSP Research to Policy Development (Moderated by Barbara Krimgold)

Updates on the current health disparities policy agenda were provided by **Aranthan Jones** discussing federal health legislation; **Joy Wilson** on state legislation; and community level policy and action by **Victor Rubin**.

Following the panel presentation a large group discussion was facilitated by **Bonnie Lefkowitz** and **Jen Martin** potential ways that scholars' current and future research might contribute to health disparities policy activities at these different levels

Notes from the panelists presentations and the discussion are attached to these proceedings.

Policy/Advocacy Organizations Workshops: Health Disparities Efforts (Facilitated by KHSP Scholars)

Following the panel, Policy/Advocacy workshops were organized by KHSP Scholars Policy/advocacy organization partners discussed their current work in health disparities highlighting ways that Kellogg Health Scholars, as research investigators, can contribute to the policy/advocacy work of these organizations. The workshop presenters and organizers were:

- (1) Opportunity Agenda – **Brian Smedley**, organized by **Kalahn Taylor-Clark**: 3 Case Studies

(2) PolicyLink – **Vic Rubin, Rajni Banthia, Donele Wilkins**, Community Capacity to influence Policy Dialogue organized by **Shawn Kimmel**

(3) Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies – **Gina Wood, Linda Randolph, Pam Thornton** organized by **Chandra Ford** and **Angela Thrasher**

(4) Working with the Hill – with Geiger Fellow Alumnae **Portia Cole, Emily Ihara & Natasha Williams, CHSP alumna/ current Congressional staffer Roberta Downing, Jen Martin**, organized by **Caryn Rodgers**

(5) Praxis -- Report Card – **Josue Guillen** organized by **Anita Wells** and **Gishawn Mance**

(6) NACHC with **Jack Geiger, Bonnie Lefkowitz, Michelle Proser** and **Lisa Cacari Stone** organized by **Amy Snipes**

Notes on the ways that scholars and other researchers can contribute to the work of these organizations are included in the proceedings.

The evening concluded with a dinner attended by some of the speakers as well as invited guests (see meeting agenda).

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Collaborative Thematic Workshops (Organized by KHSP Scholars)

The purpose of these workshops was to build relationships between researchers with common interests in order to establish ongoing thematic working groups to facilitate subsequent collaborative activities and products such as joint articles, conference panels, presentation abstracts, policy/advocacy activities, etc.

(1) HIV/AIDS – organized by **Chandra Ford**
Discussants: **Kevin Robinson** and **Cheryl Dudley Brewster**

(2) Neighborhood studies -- organized by **Phoenix Do**
Discussant: **Ichiro Kawachi**

(3) Community Interventions – organized by **Anita Wells** (cancer risk reduction), **Larkin Strong** (physical activity), and **GiShawn Mance** (cultural and contextual considerations)
Discussant: **Kim Sydnor, Eric Clay**

(4) Health Disparities and Community Engagement -- organized by **Shawn Kimmel**

Discussants: **Stephen Thomas**, NIH Research Center of Excellence in Minority Health Disparities (RCEMHD) , **Lovell Jones**, NIH RCEMHD and **Geni Eng**, UNC Engaged Institutions Initiative)

(5) Place, Migration and Health, with **Lisa Cacari-Stone** and **Emma Sanchez**-- organized by **Amy Snipes**
Discussant: **Mercedes Rubio**

(6) Politics of Health Disparities, organized by **Kalahn Taylor- Clark**
Discussant: **Len Syme**

Abstracts from these workshops and notes on next steps are in these proceedings.

Building Synergies and Connections (Facilitated by Toby Citrin and Barbara Krimgold)

The meeting concluded with a working lunch. First, Scholars reported from the thematic groups and next steps for continuing thematic work. A large group discussion followed by all participants about the important work ahead for the program. Several ideas emerged, including

- Provide way for communication between members of the group and between groups about progress and upcoming activities. The web-site, K-Connections, and electronic workshops
- Better marketing of the program including commonalities and differences between the tracks
- Investigate a common research project
- Strengthen the network and involvement of alumni
- Policy/advocacy work

Following a presentation by finishing KHSP Scholars to program office staff, the formal meeting was adjourned.