

Kellogg Health Scholars Program Networking Meeting Summary

June 3-5, 2009

Executive Summary

The Kellogg Health Scholars Program (KHSP) Networking Meeting was held in Washington, DC, on June 3-5, 2009. 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 current scholars and alums of KHSP and legacy programs, the National Advisory Committee, the Training Site Leaders, and Community Track academic and community mentors.

The remainder of the conference was comprised of poster presentations by 2008-2010 scholars; panel discussions and special presentations, policy/advocacy visits to Congressional representatives and Executive Offices executive and collaborative thematic workshops organized by current and alumni scholars. The Networking Meeting concluded following a working lunch to debrief from our visits and thematic workshops and discuss building synergies and connections as the KHSP moves forward in the future.

This Kellogg Health Scholars Program Networking Meeting Proceedings provides 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:

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Morning Meetings

The morning began with a joint meeting to welcome new KHSP and greetings from **Barbara Krimgold** and **Toby Citrin**, Co-Directors of KHSP and Directors of the Multidisciplinary Track and Community Track, respectively. The group then dispersed to breakout meetings. These meetings included roundtables of current and alumni scholars (including alumni of the legacy programs: Scholars in Health Disparities (SHDP) and Community Health Scholars (CHSP), 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, formally welcomed all 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 was provided. 2008-10 Scholars gave a short overview of their posters that would be presented during the evening reception.

Presentations

Two plenaries, a keynote and poster presentations by KHSP scholars that took place on Monday afternoon and evening are summarized below.

- PLENARY DISCUSSION: Cross Track Research Integration - (multidisciplinary and community based research methods) introduced by **Meredith Minkler** with case studies presented by **Shawn Kimmel**, **Angie Reyes**, and **Joe Gone** and comments by **Amy Snipes** and **Paula Bravemen**. Notes on this presentation are forthcoming.
- KEYNOTE: Improving Health Through Federal Policymaking, **Joshua M. Sharfstein**, Principal Deputy Commissioner of Food and Drugs, FDA. Notes on this presentation are forthcoming
- 2008-2010 SCHOLAR POSTER SESSION – The KHSP Networking Meeting participants and invited policy guests reviewed posters by KHSP scholars and discussed their current work and challenges.
- POLICY PLENARY: Opportunities for Health Equity Initiatives in the Obama Era. Panelists: **Aranthan Jones**, the Podesta Group; **Brian Smedley**, Director, Health Policy Institute, and Vice President, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Notes on this presentation are forthcoming.

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Two types of visits to the Hill were scheduled throughout this day to accommodate the two Program tracks. Both types of visits were available to all program participants.

First, there were “community-focused” visits arranged by Jen Martin, KHSP Policy Consultant. Scholars from the C-Track, along with their community and academic mentors and training site leaders, made visits on the Hill to their constituent representative and senator. These fulfill the needs of the C-Track by engaging the community members with their constituent representatives, thereby facilitating relationships between the community and the legislators that will continue after the scholars depart. Scholars shared one-pagers along with information on the KHSP program at these visits. Incoming C-Track scholars attended with their prospective training sites. Community-Based visits were also scheduled for MD Track scholars and program alums on request.

Second, there were “thematic” visits to select Hill offices, executive branch agencies, as well as NGOs, arranged by Bonnie Lefkowitz, KHSP Policy Consultant. These visits were selected with the consultation of thematic group planners and advanced the interests of those scholars with identified focus areas, consistent with the thematic groups that took

place the following day. Information about the KHSP and scholars was shared at these visits.

Friday, June 5, 2009

Collaborative Thematic Workshops (Organized by KHSP Scholars)

The purpose of these workshops was to build relationships between academic and community 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.

- **Ageing - Planners: Mindi Spencer, Angelica Herrera, Shevon Harvey, Gina Evans, Angela Thrasher, Besangie Sellars**
- **Mental Health - Planner: Anita Wells**
- **Community Intervention and Neighborhood Engagement - Planners: Dawnavan Davis, Caree Jackson, Precilla Belin**
- **Place, Migration and Health - Planners: Flora Dallo and Lisa Rosas**
- **Sexual & Reproductive Health - Planners: Yvonne Ferguson, Sekai Chideya**
- **Social Determinants of Health - Planners: Shawn Kimmel, Chandra Ford**

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

Debriefing on Thursday's Hill Visits and Friday's Thematic Group Meetings and Future of KHSP (Facilitated by Toby Citrin and Barbara Krimgold)

The meeting concluded with a working lunch. First, Scholars reported from the Thursday Thematic and Community-Based Visits. Then reports by planners of thematic groups summarized the what took place in their meetings and next steps for continuing thematic work. A large group discussion followed by all participants about the important work ahead for the program.

Two optional Thematic Group meetings took place following the meeting adjournment:
1) Cross-National Initiative on Place, Migration and Health (CIPMH) & DiversityData
and 2) Prevention is Primary