

Core Curriculum for Population Health

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Outline

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Background

- Healthy People 2010
 - Objective 1.7 Increase the proportion of schools of medicine, schools of nursing, and other health professional training schools whose basic curriculum for health care providers includes the core competencies in health promotion and disease prevention
- Task Force established by Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine (ATPM) including representatives from US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration to create core competencies

Task Force Work

- Created the population health framework
 - Framework reviewed by participating organizations and the public (July – December 2004)
- Developed common language
 - “clinical prevention and population health” (rather than health promotion and disease prevention)
- Task Force received a Macy Foundation Grant to disseminate the framework (2005-2007)
- Grant will also fund the development of the Prevention Education Resource Center (PERC)

APTA Involvement

- Attended a meeting in February 2006
- Purpose of meeting was to connect, communicate and coordinate with organizations who might be interested in the framework
- Major objective of meeting was to discuss opportunities and processes for interprofessional education
- Attended second meeting in June 2006

ATPM = APTR

- May 1, 2006 ATPM changed its name
 - Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR)
 - Broaden mission to serve all health professionals with an interest in prevention and population-based education and research
 - Reflects commitment to interprofessional approaches to prevention
- June 2006 meeting hosted by APTR

Population Health Framework

- Evidence-Base for Practice
 - Epidemiology and biostatistics
 - Methods for evaluating health research literature
 - Outcome measurement, including quality and costs
 - Health surveillance
 - Determinants of health

Population Health Framework

- Clinical Preventive Services – Health Promotion
 - Screening
 - Counseling
 - Immunization
 - Preventive Medication

Population Health Framework

- Health Systems and Health Policy
 - Organization of clinical and public health systems
 - Health services financing
 - Health workforce
 - Health policy process

Population Health Framework

- Community Aspects of Practice
 - Communicating and sharing health information with the public
 - Environmental health
 - Occupational health
 - Global health issues
 - Cultural dimensions of practice
 - Community services

Experience of Other Professions

- Physician assistants
 - Focus on educators
 - Working with accreditation
 - Trying to include items on national licensing exam
 - Journal article
- Nursing
 - Dissemination to educators
 - Adding language into national education documents
 - Journal article
 - Added framework into DNP degree requirements and the Clinical Nurse Leader degree

Experience of Other Professions

- Dentistry
 - Held roundtable discussion at conference
 - Presentations at national meetings
 - Survey of dental educators
 - Education about role of dentist in prevention and need to involve other providers to screen
- Pharmacy
 - Case study presentation at annual meeting
 - Informational presentation at meeting
 - Inserted framework into curricular guidelines for schools
 - Accreditation making revisions to reflect framework

Future Plans

- Development of PERC
 - http://www.atpm.org/taskforce/HPC_Framework.html
 - <http://www.atpm.org/index.html>
- Annual meetings
- Identify opportunities to collaborate
- Continue to foster use of common language

APTA Involvement

- Introduction of curricular guide to education community
- Review of APTA documents for consistency with framework
- Other ideas?