

**University of Florida  
College of Public Health and Health Professions  
Public Health External Advisory Committee**

**September 28, 2007**

**Discussion Questions**

**Morning Session 10:45 – 11:45 AM**

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) requires that we identify outcome measures for our programs, specify targets for the measures, and monitor our progress towards achieving them. The measures must be linked to the college's mission, goals, and objectives. During the September 29, 2006 meeting of the Public Health External Advisory Committee, the committee recommended fifteen (15) items to include in our measures. Since that meeting, and with further collaboration with the committee in January, 2007, a new mission, a vision, and a set of goals for the college were developed and subsequently approved by the faculty. More recently, a set of objectives and corresponding outcome measures have been developed. Eight of the areas recommended by the committee are included in these measures.

Questions:

1. Do the objectives capture the key concepts in the goals?
2. Should we add, delete or modify any objectives?
3. Do the outcome measures adequately represent the concepts in the objectives?
4. Should we add, delete, or modify any of the measures?
5. For each measure for which we have baseline data, please suggest targets for three and five year timeframes.

**Afternoon Session 2:00 – 3:00 PM**

A comparison of the Goal I data presented under objective 1 measure 2 and the data under objective 2 measure 3 indicates that our student body is considerably more diverse with regard to underrepresented groups (African American and Hispanic/Latino) than our faculty. In our self-study, we will recognize this disproportion and identify plans for addressing it.

Questions:

1. What are the characteristics of environment, experiences, and opportunities that our students need in order to become culturally sensitive and competent public health practitioners?

2. Identify the advantages and disadvantages of each of the following approaches that have been suggested to us:
  - a. Florida Opportunity Scholars (first in a family to attend college)
  - b. Guest faculty for short or long-term visits
  - c. Recruiting our own PhD graduates to the faculty
  - d. Mentoring of MPH students by public health practitioners
  
3. Please recommend other specific approaches to assuring that the students have the opportunities and experiences they need.