



Partnerships for Environmental Public Health

Strengthening a Dynamic Environmental Public Health Network for Tomorrow:
Advancing science through critical reflection

Welcome to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland for the second full meeting of the **Partnerships for Environmental Public Health (PEPH)** program. This meeting is an opportunity for grantees from different programs to come together to share their individual and group accomplishments. The theme of this year's meeting is *Building a Stronger Environmental Public Health Network for Tomorrow: Advancing the Science through Critical Reflection*.

Environmental Public Health:

The science of conducting and translating research into action to address environmental exposures and health risks of concern to the public.

Meeting Overview

The PEPH 2012 meeting focuses on strengthening the connections among grantees. A benefit of programs such as PEPH is the ability to learn from the experiences of different projects and work together on emerging issues. The planning committee believes in the importance of reflecting critically on all our activities, the things that do and do not work. To fulfill the PEPH meeting objectives, the planning committee developed an agenda that will inform and stimulate discussion among participants. Here is a brief description of the meeting:

Wednesday morning, the meeting opens with Training Institutes.

Wednesday afternoon, the meeting officially begins at 1:00 p.m. with an overview of PEPH and a welcome presentation from the NIEHS Director. Next, scientific presentations will inspire participants for small group discussions. Small group discussions on Capacity Building, Communication, and Research Translation will complete the day.

Thursday begins with report backs from Wednesday's small group leaders. Presentations on environmental and occupational health disparities will follow. There will be two poster sessions and two more small group discussion sessions. The day will end with a summary of the meeting and key outcomes.

Small Group Discussions.

Participants may choose from three small group discussions for each of the three 90-minute breakout sessions, providing nine different opportunities. Meeting attendees may stay within a theme for all breakout sessions (for example, attend all three Communication small group discussions), or mix up thematic discussions (for example, attend one discussion on Capacity Building, one on Communication, and one on Research Translation). While the small group discussions will essentially be the same at each breakout session, the idea is for breakout sessions two and three to build on the outcomes of the previous breakouts to advance the conversation.

Living Logic Model. With the development of the PEPH Evaluation Metrics Manual, NIEHS staff has begun developing a logic model for the PEPH program itself. A useful PEPH logic model requires input from our partners in the extramural community. Now is your chance to help NIEHS identify PEPH program activities, outputs, and impacts using the Living

Logic Model (located by the registration table). You can contribute one idea or a set of ideas that links an activity to an output and an impact. If someone has identified an issue you agree with, place a sticker on it! That way we will know which topics have the greatest support. Paper, markers, and stickers will be available.

Evaluation Table. During the poster sessions, Kristi Pettibone and Christie Drew (NIEHS, Program Analysis Branch) will have a table set up to sit down with interested individuals to discuss questions about program evaluation and the PEPH Evaluation Metrics Manual.

Grants Management Table. During the poster sessions, Molly Puente (NIEHS, Grants Management Branch) will be available to talk with grantees about grants management issues. Swing by her table!

During this meeting, we will work toward strengthening the PEPH network through small group discussions, poster sessions, and impromptu hallway conversations. Hopefully, you will find the time during the next couple days to catch up with old friends, build new friendships, and perhaps plant the seeds for future collaborations.

Appreciation

Planning meetings of this nature require a great deal of hard work and commitment from a core group of individuals. Please extend a special thanks to the multi-talented planning committee members for this event:

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Green Meeting

We have attempted to “green” this meeting as much as possible. You can do your part! When the meeting ends, please turn in your name tag and lanyard at the registration table.