Closed Workshop for Health Practitioners: Developing Leadership for Population Health Improvement

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This workshop is being held as a follow-up meeting of the conference titled “Putting New Paradigms into Practice: Transatlantic Lessons in Population Health Improvement,” which took place in Spring 2011.

The purpose of the meeting is to learn how we can better identify and train leaders for population health improvement. Through dialogue with knowledgeable observers, leaders of innovative initiatives and experts on leadership development, we will lay the foundation for planning and implementation of new methods of public health education and training.

The Need for Intersectoral Leadership and Action

There is increasing acceptance of the view that the health of public must be considered, and pursued, by institutions and leaders in all sectors of society. The new paradigm of “health in all policies” is a product of extensive research, experience, and cross-national learning:

- It recognizes the enormous physical, mental and economic burdens associated with chronic disease and preventable injuries
- It reflects greater understanding of the social determinants of health and targets the root causes of death, disease, and disability
- It emphasizes the importance of designing policies, systems, and environments that can better protect individuals and make healthier behaviors easier
- It depends upon participation beyond the confines of traditional public health agencies and health services.

To achieve dual objectives of sustaining population health improvement and containing the costs of health care services will require actions and resources from outside of public health, and through “whole of government” and intersectoral initiatives. However the important question is who will lead such initiatives? Do we have the right types of leaders, in the right places, and in adequate numbers, at this critical time?

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