

CompHP

DEVELOPING COMPETENCIES AND
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR HEALTH
PROMOTION CAPACITY BUILDING IN EUROPE

PROJECT UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2010

First Project meeting and deliverables

The CompHP Project started in September 2009 and the first meeting of all partners was held in Luxembourg at the end of that month. The management systems (developed by the project partners from the National University of Galway, Ireland – NUIG) and an evaluation plan (which is the responsibility of the project partners from the University of Perugia, Italy) for the project have been agreed. The formal plans for these systems formed the first two ‘deliverables’ (the reports, plans, articles and frameworks that form the outputs of the project) which have submitted to the EAHC. In total there are 19 ‘deliverables’ for the CompHP project to be completed before August 2012 which is the end date for the project.

Project Partners – new additions

In addition to the 10 ‘core’ partners (2 from Ireland and Italy and 1 each from The UK, the Netherlands, Finland, Spain, the Czech Republic, Estonia and France (this is the IUHPE which is, of course , a global organisation and has a strong European Regional Office) there are an additional 12 ‘collaborating partners’. Collaborating partners, unlike the core partners, do not contribute financially or in kind to the project budget and receive no funding but are free to attend project meetings at their own cost, participate in consultations and surveys and are key to the wider dissemination of information of information on the project. The collaborating partners include representatives from professional associations, health promotion departments and universities. A new collaborating partner has joined the project – The Centre for Health Services Research Department of Hygiene, Epidemiology and Medical Statistics, Athens University, Greece. There has also been a change in the contact person for the collaborating partner from Scotland with David Pattison taking over from Wilma Reid. For further information on all partners please check the project website.

International Expert Advisory Panel

An ‘International Expert Advisory Group’ has been established for the project. The Group will provide technical input into the development of the CompHP project based on their extensive expertise and experience in the area of health promotion competencies, standards and accreditation including:

- Ensuring that the project is informed by current international developments

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- Providing feedback on draft competencies, standards and accreditation
- Advising on research methodology and implementation where appropriate
- Advising on disseminating information on the project and its products through global health promotion and related networks
- Making recommendations for specific actions where required

The panel members are:

- Professor John P. Allegrante, Professor, Department of Health and Behavior Studies , Deputy Provost, Teachers College, Columbia University, USA.
- Professor Hiram V. Acevedo Arroyo, Professor, Health Promotion and Health Education Graduate Program, Department of Social Sciences, School of Public Health, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico. Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Training and Research in Health Promotion and Health Education. Coordinator, Interamerican Consortium of Universities and Training Centers in Health Promotion and Health Education (CIUEPS).
- Doctor Brian Hyndman, Senior Planner, Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion; Fellow, Centre for Health Promotion, University of Toronto, Canada.
- Professor David V. McQueen, Associate Director for Global Health Promotion, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control. President of IUHPE.
- Professor Hans Onya, Director and Head, Department of Public Health Practice and health Promotion, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Limpopo, South Africa.
- Ms Helen Rance, Senior Health Promotion Strategist, Health Promotion Forum of New Zealand.
- Professor Mala Rao, Director, Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad, India.
- Professor Trevor Shilton, Director of Cardiovascular Health, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Western Australia. Life Member, Australian Health Promotion Association.
- Professor Alyson Taub, Professor Emerita of Health Education, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York University. First Executive Director, National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC), USA.

Other members may be co-opted onto the group as required as the project develops.

Stakeholder analysis

A comprehensive list of all those who have expressed an interest in the project and others who have been identified as key stakeholders in the area of competencies, standards and accreditation for health promotion has been developed. The list forms part of the communication and dissemination plan for the project which is the responsibility of the project partners from the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE). The lists will form the basis for dissemination of information on the project and will also be used to identify participants for the wide range of research and consultation to build consensus on competency based standards and an accreditation system for health promotion in

Europe. We encourage anyone who is interest in the project and has not as yet made contact with us to do so by... A public relations strategy and dissemination plan, which is also part of the work of the IUHPE, will be available by May 2010.

Health promotion competencies – consensus building starts

The development of health promotion competencies, a core element of the project, has also started, lead by the project partners from NUIG. A draft framework, which was informed by a comprehensive literature review on international developments on competencies in health promotion and related fields, has been developed and is currently being piloted with project partners. The literature review will be submitted to the EAHC by the end of May and will be available on this site from June 2010.

The consensus building process on competencies will begin in March with a Delphi survey which has a target of over 200 participants drawn from those active in health promotion practice, policy and academia across Europe. The development of the competencies will continue until February 2011, and will include a range of consultation methods including focus groups, national and regional workshops and, towards the end of 2010, an online consultation. If you have already given us your contact details we will keep you informed about how you can contribute. You can also keep up to date by checking this page regularly - we will give you an update on the project here every 2 months.

Accreditation Framework – Literature Review underway

Work on an accreditation framework has also begun, lead by the project partners from the Netherlands Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NIGZ). Their first step is a literature review and analysis of existing accreditation frameworks in the UK, Estonia and the Netherlands which will be completed in the near future. Consultation on the accreditation system will commence later in 2010.

Competency based standards – starting in April 2010

The development of competency based standards, which will be undertaken by the project partners from the Royal Society of Public Health in the UK, will start in April 2010.

Mapping and testing competency based standards and accreditation in academic and practice settings – autumn 2010

In September 2010, the remaining 2 ‘workpackages’ or programmes of work will begin. The partners from the University of Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy will be leading on exploring the competency based standards and accreditation framework in academic settings while colleagues from the University of Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain, will focus on their implementation in practice settings.

Updates and information

We will keep you updated every 2 months here on the project website <http://www.iuhpe.org/index.html?page=614&lang=en> but if you would like any additional information on the project or have any questions please contact the project coordinator Barbara Battel-Kirk (bbkconsultancy@eircom.net).