

## CLEARINGHOUSE ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

The Advisory Team meeting will convene on November 3, 2010, at the Sutter Center for Health Professions in Sacramento. Staff will provide meeting materials within the upcoming weeks.

## CLEARINGHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Staff have continued discussions with selected statutory data providers: Department of Consumer Affairs, Medical Board of California, Board of Registered Nursing, Physician Assistant Committee, Respiratory Care Board, Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians, California Department of Public Health, University of California Office of the President, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information Division.

The meetings resulted in 1) clarification of available data elements including information on health specialties, students, faculty, health training programs and courses, geographical locations, etc., 2) determination of defining data file formats, 3) identification of data collection challenges, and 4) establishment of logistical requirements for collection related activities and data transmission processes.

Clearinghouse staff are preparing the foundation for a data system that will meet current and future data collection needs. A beginning step is the preparation of the system interface that will create the platform to collect and validate incoming data. In the coming months, staff will collect data files from selected data providers for system testing.

We are finalizing Memoranda of Understanding between OSHPD and selected data providers. The purpose of these agreements is to establish a framework of collaboration with data providers as well as to articulate specific roles and responsibilities for the exchange of information as it relates to Clearinghouse implementation.

Staff are also working to solidify working relationships with additional data providers in order to prepare for future growth of the Clearinghouse database.

### HEALTH CARE REFORM AND HEALTH WORKFORCE DATA COLLECTION

Section 5103 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) includes provisions to establish National, State and Regional Centers for Health Workforce Analysis. The National Center, along with State and Regional Centers, will provide for the development of information describing and analyzing the healthcare workforce and workforce related issues, as well as the development of information to perform longitudinal evaluations. OSHPD is currently monitoring implementation of the National Center for Workforce Analysis and its alignment with the Clearinghouse. OSHPD is also monitoring PPACA grant opportunities that may be directed to states to establish State and Regional Centers for Health Workforce Analysis.

### WELCOME NEW CLEARINGHOUSE TEAM MEMBERS!

#### New to the OSHPD staff:

- Dana Durham, Research Program Specialist, performs design and testing of complex databases that will provide policy analysis and recommendations for the Clearinghouse
- Whitney Louie, Support Coordinator, provides support to Clearinghouse staff

#### New vendors and contractors:

- James Ly (VIP), Program Designer of web interfaces for Phase I
- John Grey and Stephen Johnstone (Infiniti Consulting Group), Independent Verification and Validation, provide project oversight for Phase I
- David Kashiwagi and Val Balagot (Shooting Star Solutions), Quality Assurance and Quality Control, oversee testing strategies to ensure that data quality is valid, accurate, measurable, and verifiable



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