

HP 2020 meetings: The US Department of Health and Human Services has announced the three dates and locations for public meetings to discuss the draft objectives for Healthy People 2020 (HP 2020). The meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for:

October 22, 2009 at Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas

November 7, 2009 at the Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 20, 2009 at the Red Lion Hotel, 5th Avenue, Seattle, Washington

Complete information about the meetings is available at:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/regional/default.asp>

Healthy People 2010 (HP 2010) contained an objective (1.7) that reflected the work of health professions education organizations collaborating to create the Clinical Prevention and Population Health Curriculum Framework <http://www.atpm.org/about/taskforce.htm>. HP 2010 Objective 1.7 stated “Increase the proportion of schools of medicine, schools of nursing and health professional training schools whose basic curriculum for health care providers includes the core competencies in health promotion and disease prevention.”

In preparation for HP 2020, the HPCTF has recommended that Objective 1.7 remain as a regular objective. Recognizing the difficulty of harmonizing core competencies across professional degree programs the HPCTF recommends that the objective to be included in HP 2020 now read, “Increase the proportion of schools of medicine, nursing and other health professional training schools whose basic curriculum for health care providers includes the components of the Clinical Prevention and Population Health Curriculum Framework.”

For those that might attend the meeting it will be helpful for you to carry a message on behalf of AACP and other members of the Healthy People Curriculum Task Force (HPCTF) interested in improving the quality of individual and population health through interprofessional education. Meeting attendees should take the opportunity to state:

1. HP 2020 should include a health professions education objective that measures the implementation of interprofessional health professions education models that utilize the Clinical Prevention and Population Health Curriculum Framework;
2. The wording of the objective should be, , “Increase the proportion of schools of medicine, nursing and other health professional training schools whose basic curriculum for health care providers includes the components of the Clinical Prevention and Population Health Curriculum Framework;” and
3. the Health Resources and Services Administration should be given responsibility for the objective since it aligns with the health professions education programs it is authorized to administer.

If you are able to attend one of these meetings in your area please contact Will Lang at wlang@aacp.org.

From Robert Wood Johnson:

HCFO Special Topic Solicitation Closes September 8th!

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) initiative has released a special topic solicitation to address the most critical questions related to the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. This solicitation features a batched application process. Therefore, all proposals submitted under the solicitation will be reviewed simultaneously and competitively. The deadline to submit to this solicitation is Tuesday September 8, 2009.

Please review the [solicitation](#) posted on the [HCFO website](#) for information regarding potential areas of research, guidelines, and a timeline for the solicitation.

Please note, only the special topic solicitation will close on September 8th. The HCFO program will continue to accept proposals on a rolling basis.

Information about this special topic solicitation can be found on the following web page:
<http://www.hcfo.net/2009HCFOPartDSolicitation.pdf>

Use of ARRA funding: AACP is interested in hearing from our members that have been successful in obtaining funding through programs authorized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). To date, it is likely that faculty at colleges and schools of pharmacy have been able to gain funding through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Recipients of funding through the ARRA are required to submit reports about fund expenditures. Sharing how you are spending the funds will enhance our advocacy efforts related to increased funding for the institutions from whom you have received the funds. You are welcome to send you information to Will Lang at wlang@aacp.org.

Information about the ARRA is available at www.recovery.gov