Public Health and the Learning Health System: A National Meeting
March 11-13, 2013
University of Michigan Executive Learning and Conference Center

Overview
This meeting brings together over 50 leaders of national, state, and local public health and related organizations to examine the role of public health in a national scale Learning Health System (LHS). The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Educate about the LHS and its relationship to public health
- Identify issues of concern to public health
- Promote public health engagement and involvement in developing a LHS.

Participants will:

- Learn what a Learning Health System is and why it is important to public health
- Discuss ways they share and use data to improve individual and population health that illustrates the Learning Health System
- Receive and provide peer assistance in identifying and addressing issues of particular concern to public health
- Connect with others who promote and implement aspects of the Learning Health System within their organization (or those who wish to).

Monday, March 11
Registration Check-In – Ross Executive Residence lobby (main entrance)
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Welcome dinner and networking opportunity at Ross Executive Residence, Lower Level

Tuesday, March 12
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast in Lower Level (Senior Associate Dean Sharon Kardia will join us for breakfast)
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration Check-In (Second Floor, by Room W2740)
(Plenary Session begins in Second Floor, Room W2740)
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- Welcome by Senior Associate Dean Sharon Kardia, Ph.D., University of Michigan School of Public Health
- Participant introductions
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Session 1 – The Learning Health System
Session Leader: Charles Friedman, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Health Informatics Program, University of Michigan Schools of Public Health and Information
This session covers what the learning health system is, components, core values, and how it fits in with other activities involving electronic information.
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 – Noon  **Session 2 – Public Health and the Learning Health System**

Session Leader: Seth Foldy, M.D., M.P.H., Principal, sethfoldy.com

Three presenters will share stories about their community’s innovative exchange and use of data, which illustrates components of the LHS and public health’s role.

- Lacey A. Hart, M.B.A, PMP®, Director, PMO – Center for the Science of Healthcare Delivery (CSHD), Southeast Minnesota Beacon Program Manager
- Brent Stackhouse, Executive Director, Primary Care Information Project Bureau and NYC REACH, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Jeffrey Brown, Ph.D., Research Director, Therapeutics Research and Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute/Harvard Medical School

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Lower Level)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  **Session 3 – Public Health and the Learning Health System: Policy, Law & Technology**

Policy, law and technology provide a framework for examining public health’s role in the LHS. Each presenter will provide an overview regarding the relationship of each of these topics to public health and the LHS, providing examples of some key issues.

- **Policy** – Jody Platt, M.P.H., Ph.D. candidate, University of Michigan School of Public Health
- **Law** – Denise Chrysler, J.D., Director, Network for Public Health Law, Mid-States Region, University of Michigan School of Public Health
- **Technology** – Hunt Blair, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Health Reform, Department of Vermont Health Access, State Health Information Technology Coordinator

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Move to first break-out group

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  **Session 4 – Break-out groups**

Break-out groups (sessions 4 and 5) will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the role of policy, law, and technology in more detail, identifying key issues to be shared with the larger group. Break-out groups for the three topics are repeated so that each person attends two of the three.

- **Policy** – Facilitator: Julia Adler-Milstein, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Schools of Information and Public Health, University of Michigan (Second Floor, Room W2759)
- **Law** – Facilitator: Sharona Hoffman, J.D., LL.M., Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Co-Director, Law-Medicine Center (Lower Level, Room W0770)
- **Technology** – Arthur Davidson, M.D., M.S.P.H., Director of Public Health Informatics, Denver Public Health Department (Lower Level, Room W0768)

To facilitate discussion, break-out groups will use the following questions that are applicable to all three areas:

- How is policy/law/technology a hindrance to achieving a LHS that includes public health?
- How is law policy/law/technology a help to achieving a LHS that includes public health?
- How can law policy/law/technology be more helpful to achieving a LHS that includes public health?

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Move to second break-out groups

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  **Session 5 – Break-out groups (repeated)**

- **Policy** – Facilitator: Julia Adler-Milstein, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Schools of Information and Public Health, University of Michigan (Second Floor, Room W2759)
- **Law** – Facilitator: Socrates Tuch, M.A., J.D., Senior Counsel/Privacy Officer, Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health (Lower Level, Room W0770)
- **Technology** – Facilitator: Shaun Grannis, M.D., M.S., FAAFP, Research Scientist, Regenstrief Institute, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine (Lower Level, Room W0768)
Move immediately to plenary room (Second Floor, Room W2740)

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  **Session 6 – Brief summary of observations from break-out groups for each topic.**

- **Policy** – Kevin Dombkowski, Dr.P.H., M.S., Research Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR), University of Michigan
- **Law** – Jennifer Bernstein, J.D., M.P.H., Network for Public Health Law, Mid-States Region, University of Michigan School of Public Health
- **Technology** – Hunt Blair, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Health Reform, Department of Vermont Health Access, State Health Information Technology Coordinator

5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day

6:00 p.m. Buses leave for dinner (gather in Ross Executive Center lobby, near main entrance)

6:30 p.m. Dinner – Zingerman’s Roadhouse

**Wednesday, March 13**
(Plenary Session begins in Second Floor, Room W2740)

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  **Session 7 – Integrating Public Health with the Learning Health System**

Session leaders: David Ross, Sc.D., Director, Public Health Informatics Institute
Marty LaVenture, Ph.D., M.P.H., Director, Office of Health Information Technology and eHealth, Minnesota Department of Health

Informal panel discussion that offers the opportunity for various perspectives of next steps to integrate public health with the LHS to improve health of individuals and protect the health of populations.

Panelists:
- Leslie M. Beitsch, M.D., J.D., Director and Professor, Center for Medicine and Public Health, Florida State University, College of Medicine
- Linette Scott, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Information Officer, California Dept. of Health Care Services
- Jane Herwehe, M.P.H., Project Manager, Louisiana State University Health Care Services, LSU Hospital System
- Marcus Cheatham, Ph.D., Health Officer, Mid-Michigan District Health Department
- Glen P. Mays, M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor in Health Services and Systems Research, University of Kentucky College of Public Health

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  **Session 8 – Integrating Public Health with the Learning Health System, continued**

Audience questions and participation

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  **Closing remarks**

- Joshua Rubin, J.D., M.B.A., M.P.H., M.P.P., Executive Director, Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation and Health Legacy Partnership
- Denise Chrysler, J.D., Director, Network for Public Health Law, Mid-States Region, University of Michigan School of Public Health

11:30 a.m. – adjourn

Box lunch available (space provided to eat at Ross or participant can take with them)