

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
2006 Expert Panel Working Group #1**

**Convened By the Family Planning Male Training Center to Assist In
Developing Recommendations For...**

- *Organizational Structure*
- *Capacity, and*
- *Program Components*

...That Favor Male Participation in Family Planning Programs

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2006
Ritz Carleton Hotel
St Louis MO

F P M T C

Family Planning Male Training Center

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PURPOSE & SIGNIFICANCE	3
WORKING GROUP OBJECTIVES	3
WORKING GROUP OUTCOMES	4
WORKING GROUP MEMBERS	5
WORKING GROUP PREPARATION	6
DISCUSSION AGENDA	6

PURPOSE & SIGNIFICANCE

Gender-based equality and equity for reproductive health services is a core human value and human right that depends on the individual's ability to have sexual and reproductive health care, including information, health promotion services, and family planning choices, so that sexuality and reproductive decisions can be made free of discrimination, coercion, and violence. (Bustamante-Forest, Giarratano, 2004)

In order to effectively integrate services for males into family planning programs traditionally focused on women, there is a need to develop additional competencies, and trainings on those competencies, for reproductive health service providers. These competencies should facilitate delivery of services to males, improve their access to services, address barriers to services posed by the existing focus on females, and create positive attitudes surrounding male reproductive health services.

This working group was convened to assist in developing recommendations for organizational structure, capacity, and program components that favor male participation in family planning programs.

WORKING GROUP OBJECTIVES

- 1) To identify the key dimensions of organizational readiness and capacity needed to effectively provide services to males in clinical settings;
- 2) To identify the strategies and key program components for the successful delivery of outreach and education services to males;
- 3) To identify the services that should be tied to health promotion messages to males, what the messages should be, and how they should be delivered.

WORKING GROUP OUTCOMES

- 1) The most important dimensions of organizational readiness identified by the panel were:
 - *gender considerations and competencies*
 - *implementing change and commitment*
 - *effective integration and delivery of services*
 - *integration of reproductive health and family planning*
 - *motivation and incentives of staff for participation*
 - *advocacy and capacity building within organization*
 - *meeting training needs of administration & staff*

- 2) Strategies and key program components identified by the panel were:
 - *locations for outreach and delivery of services*
 - *managing daily operations*
 - *appropriate objectives*
 - *messages, educating, and promoting services*
 - *short term program goals*
 - *link between intermediate goals and long term goals*
 - *long term program goals*
 - *emotional health and male health*
 - *identifying change in young males*
 - *relevance of case studies for funders*
 - *quantifying, measuring, and evaluating outreach programs*
 - *program model*

- 3) Issues pertaining to services and messages identified by the panel were:
 - *determining appropriate objectives for male clients within service area*
 - *linking immediate objectives with long term program goals*
 - *determining appropriate messages and health promotion services*
 - *determining appropriate locations for outreach and delivery of services*
 - *developing daily operations that facilitate integration of male services*
 - *evaluating services and programs to establish credibility with funders*
 - *considering and making recommendations pertaining to revisions of current Title X program model*

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Joseph Chorley, MD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, Section of Adolescent and Sports Medicine, Houston TX

Evelyn J. Glass, MSPH

Regional Program Consultant, Region VI Office of Family Planning, Dallas TX

Myriam Hernandez- Jennings, MA

Director, Region I Training Center, JSI Research and Training Institute, Boston MA

Andrew Levack, MPH

Director, Men as Partners Program, Engender Health, Seattle WA

Pat W. Mosena, PhD

Director, Options for Youth Program, Chicago IL

Demetrius J. Porche, DNS

Associate Dean of Research and Evaluation, School of Nursing
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans LA

Henrie M. Treadwell, PhD

Senior Social Scientist, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta GA

Jo-Ann Wells, MBA

Executive Director, Male Advocacy Network, Inc. (MAN), Washington DC

Rick Williams, P-AC

Physician Assistant, Guilford County (NC) Department of Public Health, Greensboro NC

***Ex officio:* Sue Moskosky, MS, RNC**

Director, Office of Family Planning/Office of Population Affairs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington DC

David Johnson, MPH

Project Officer, Office of Family Planning/Office of Population Affairs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington DC

H. William Gruchow, Ph.D.

Director, Family Planning Male Training Center, and Professor, Department of Public Health Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Robert Aronson, Dr.PH

Deputy Director, Family Planning Male Training Center, and Assistant Professor,
Department of Public Health Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

***Facilitator:* Nhan Tran, MHS**

FPMTTC Consultant, Baltimore MD

***Reporter:* Meagan Drolet, MPH**

Graduate Assistant, Department of Public Health Education
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

WORKING GROUP PREPARATION

The FPMTTC prepared the experts by compiling and distributing materials for them to review prior to convening. These materials included an overview of the FPMTTC; a detailed description of the goals, objectives and products expected from the expert panel; an agenda for the meeting; preliminary framework for male reproductive health services; and, references with abstracts and brief critical reviews for a set of current journal articles reviewing and/or reporting on issues and strategies for effectively addressing men's health/men's reproductive health.

Discussion Agenda February 13-14, 2006 Ritz Carlton Hotel St. Louis, MO

Day 1 (Feb 13):

8:00 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast (served in meeting room)
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome & Introductions
9:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion (Objective 1) Focus: Organizational Readiness and Capacity
12:00-1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 4:00	Panel Discussion (Objective 2) Focus: Strategies and Program Components for Outreach
4:00 – 4:30	Summary of Discussions
4:30	Adjourn

Day 2 (Feb 14):

8:30 – 9:00	Continental Breakfast (served in meeting room)
9:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion (Objective 3) Focus: Challenges and Strategies for Health Communication
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 1:30	Summary of Discussion and Next Steps
1:30	Adjourn