

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Integration of Medicine and Public Health in Practice through a Unity of Purpose and Action

In 1999 WHO held an international conference to address the current fragmentation of health systems and to develop a framework for better melding the domains of medicine and public health in health care delivery. The resulting framework created, referred to as: “Towards Unity for Health” (TUFH) addresses the need for a better coordination of health service delivery through partnerships among the community, health service providers, policy makers, health professionals and academic institutions. As described by one of its creators, TUFH “endeavors to create a unity of purpose and action among ... stakeholders”. The theoretical model has now been tested explicitly in several field projects internationally as well as implicitly in a variety of other sites in developed and developing countries.

The editors of *Education for Health* are now planning a special issue of the journal to showcase this model.

We are seeking manuscripts that describe programs that demonstrate innovative patterns of service and implement the basic principles of TUFH. We would like to emphasize that we are soliciting manuscripts that model these principles; it is not necessary that the project has any connection to TUFH. These principles include: consensus building among stakeholders, community engagement, leadership training, shared management and resource development and deployment. Roles of the five stakeholders -health service providers, health professionals, the community, policy makers and the academic community-should be described. Programs may be at the community, district, state or national level.

Two types of papers may be submitted:

Full papers of 3000 words or less. These should include the initial program objectives, a description of the partners and their roles, the implications of the program for the health professions and evidence of impact.

Brief communications of less than 1200 words. A full program evaluation is not required. This format may be used to describe programs which are in the process of being implemented but have not yet been evaluated.

Manuscripts are due by May 31, 2006 and should be submitted via email to “Education for Health” at: efh@network.unimaas.nl. Routine author instructions will be utilized, which are available at:

http://www.the-networktufh.org/publications_resources/educationforhealth.asp

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