

**NIEHS Worker Training Program  
Fall Workshop Agenda Version 6**

September 29-30, 2015

Research Triangle Park, NC

Setting the Stage for the Worker Training Program 2015-2020

**Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and introductions

- Ice breaker
- Welcome – include looking back and looking forward

9:30 – 10:00 Keynote - Back to basics and key lessons learned since the program began (Need suggestions for a good keynote person)

- Celeste Monforton, GWU (invited)
- Brief discussion of WTP mission, vision, expectation of awardees, etc.
- Discussion of themes that cut across each program area

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:30 *The Importance of Data and Evaluation*

Moderator: Demia Wright, NIEHS

This session will cover: Purposes of programmatic data collection, quantitative and qualitative; importance of evaluations.

- Demia Wright, NIEHS Overview of current data collection and evaluation (Current strengths of evaluation in the program, existing data sources and work; Higher priority needs for next 5 years; More systematic way to collect/report/write-up stories; More level 3 evaluation by grantees or other mechanism; Ideas for how to mine past data, ideas for data needs over next 5 years)
- Judy Deltuva, University of Michigan/UAW
- Ruth Ruttenberg, Ruth Ruttenberg & Associates,/ICWUC
- Sharon Beard, NIEHS Economic impact report from ECWTP

Discussion at tables, then convene at end. Or just open discussion with some pointed questions.

11:30 – 12:30 *Public Health and HAZMAT: Encouraging Collaboration*

Moderator: TBD

The overall goal of this session is to discuss how connectivity can be created and enhanced between HAZMAT and public health communities. One goal of the WTP, per the program logic model, is to develop organizational connectivity around specific grantees and communities. Several state and local public health relationships have been established, and the success of WTP is dependent on these types of relationships. Grantees can accomplish this through a variety of methods, including community advisory boards, consortia, training teams, etc. The broad topic of risk communication will also be addressed during this session.

Questions and Answers

12:30 – 1:30

Lunch, NIEHS cafeteria

1:30 – 2:30

Partnerships - These two sessions will emphasize the importance of partnerships across the Worker Training Program.

Moderator and Panel

Session 1 - Engaging with other departments/agencies, including federal, regional, and local governments and other organizations. This session presents an opportunity to discuss the thematic area of partnerships for the WTP. WTP partnerships have extended far beyond disaster response.

- Natalie Grant, ASPR (invited)

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 - 4:00

Partnerships continued

Session 2 - Partnering with other awardees and other organizations – leveraging your resources (inter-grantee and extramural)

- Kevin Riley, UCLA, *LOSH Managers' Perceptions of the value and impact of HAZWOPER worker health and safety training*, Midwest Consortium, New England Consortium, Rutgers University, and the Western Region Universities Consortium (or brief overview of this and other successful projects like SCREP, Ebola TTT)

Sessions 1 and 2 Small group discussions to include best practices and lessons learned from past partnerships and how can they be applied moving forward over the next five years.

4:00 - 5:30

Poster session – Each grantee will develop a poster to share the project/s they are most excited about implementing during the next five years.

**Wednesday, September 30, 2015**

9:00 – 10:15 Instructor Development Programs – panel to share best practices in Instructor Development Programs  
Moderator: Barb McCabe, IUOE HAZMAT (invited)

Overview of where the WTP is currently with implementation of IDPs, how to develop worker trainers and the role of trainers exchanges

- Carol Rice, Midwest Consortium How to use the Minimum Criteria to hold your consortium partners accountable, Midwest Consortium
- Ron Snyder, National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education
- Tom Nunziata, LIUNA Training
- Elizabeth Harman, IAFF

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:00 *WTP as a National Response and Recovery Training Resource: What it means for Grantees*  
Moderator: Jim Remington, NIEHS

- Brief overview of the WTP Grantee Instructor Deployment Guide, Jim Remington, NIEHS

Small group discussions on the role of WTP and grantees in disaster response and recovery activities.

12:00 – 12:15 Wrap up and adjourn