



August 2016 LPHI update to LSAC

The LPHI is into the final planning and logistic support for the last class of Foundations for Local Health Practice, to be held on September 14th, and the graduation ceremony that will immediately follow. The class will be a combination of Program evaluation and a Logic model exercise, then there will then be a Q & A panel of Public Health Nurses. The graduation ceremony will feature remarks from Claude-Alix Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department and current president of NACCHO and will be attended by instructors from the course and representatives of organizations and agencies which helped fund the course.

Also as part of the Foundations course, we have created a stand-alone On Your Time training titled “The Ten Essential Services of Public Health in Action”. This training is centered on reporting requirements, case investigation and response to an infectious disease outbreak in a fictional town in Massachusetts (although based off of real events which occurred in the early 2000s). We plan on making the training available to all in the near future through the LPHI training portal.

On the 8th of September we will be honoring our LPHI Fellows at a Dean’s Symposia here at Boston University School of Public Health. In addition, the Fellows, along with personnel from DPH and the Boston Public Health Commission, will be involved in an informal ‘mixer’ with our students to speak to them about careers in Governmental Public Health (both local and State) and the paths they took to get there.

Planning for the 2016 – 17 Management course has begun in earnest. The course will begin in November of 2016 and we expect the registration to open later this fall. We have changed the course syllabus from past years to reflect a combination of new *On Your Time* trainings available, course feedback from the past year as well as from the current Foundation class. The course will have an active team component: we are building it in a new Learning Management System (LMS) which will allow for easier interaction between students and mentors. This new LMS will also allow for easier reference for the students of the classes, webinars, ‘homework’ and self-paced learning that will make up the course.

We have also begun the process of updating the existing *On Your Time* Trainings starting with one of our most popular: Orientation to Local Public Health. In addition to updating content, we are changing the entire training to a new ADA compliant template. Working with our partner organizations, we have begun prioritizing trainings for updating and as the year progresses, we will work through this list as quickly as we are able.

Lastly, the Office of Public Health Practice here at BU SPH is changing slightly – we are now the **Activist Lab**. Our official launch will be on the 8th of September with a new website and a new slogan “EDUCATE, INNOVATE, ADVOCATE” However, our focus remains the same: to fuel real-world activism that drives lasting improvements in the health of our local, regional and global communities.

