

MCH Student Fellows Leadership Skills Training Program Spring 2009

Friday, May 29, 2009, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. EDT

Leadership Revealed: MCH in Times of Change

Objectives:

- Understand the critical steps in creating and maintaining a successful change effort
- Examine strategies both for leading change and for responding to change in your own organization
- Identify leadership qualities exhibited by MCH leaders during a time of innovative change in MCH history, when MCH programs became a block grant in 1981

Advance preparation:

- A) Watch Mini-Lecture #5 Part 2: Planning for Change, <http://www.jhsph.edu/wchpc/MCHLDS/m5.html>
- B) Visit the MCH History Timeline, <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/timeline/>, explore a bit and select the 1981 pinpoint, “1981: OBRA ’81” to learn some background about this period of time in MCH.
- C) After exploring the timeline, Click on In Depth Issues above the timeline and choose Oral Histories, Choose “The MCH Block Grant: Past, Present and Future.” Watch at least Modules 1 and 2 and all 5 if you are able.
- D) Exercise: After listening to the lecture about planning for change and the case study about an innovative change in MCH, reflect on what you think are the most important themes and leadership qualities required to successfully navigate change.
- E) Many of the lessons learned from the 1981 block grant experience are similar to themes today as we initiate a national discourse on health care reform. How can lessons from this history inform our discussions today?