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## The Use Of Epidemiologic Evidence For Public Health Is Doomed To Fail Without Champions Says Tobacco Control Expert

### Keynote Speaker Shares Important Lessons That Apply To All Public Health Issues

It's a paradox. Smoking and lung cancer are the perfect example of the power of epidemiologic evidence to bring about important social change, AND the perfect example of the inadequacy of data to bring about important social change, according to Matthew Myers, President of the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. Speaking to The Epidemiology Monitor following his keynote address to a special meeting of the

Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) program in Washington in early June, Myers noted that "The effort to reduce tobacco use and the death and disease caused by it is often seen as one of the great public health victories, but while the progress that has been made is impressive, the battle is far from over. There are extraordinarily important lessons that apply to all public health issues."

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## Surprise Decision Ends The Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Program

### Final Event Explores Health Concerns And Provides Networking Opportunity

### Grassroots Effort Underway To Sustain The YES Legacy

"Devastated, dismayed, and surprised" is how Kevin Xu described his reaction and that of fellow alumni upon hearing the news about the termination of the much praised and highly valued Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) program, a college scholarship

competition in epidemiology for high school students. The program was sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and administered by the College Board.

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### **Disease Burden**

In a talk entitled “Putting the Power of Science to Work – It Takes Leadership As Shown by Both The Failure and the Success in US and Global Tobacco Control”, Myers laid out the challenge facing scientists and others committed to tobacco control.

There were 100 million deaths from tobacco in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and an estimated 1 billion people will die from tobacco in the 21<sup>st</sup> century if current trends continue. According to Myers, tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death killing more than 400,000 annually which is a larger number than those dying from AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, and fires *combined*. Nearly 90% of lung cancer cases, one third of the total cancer deaths, and twenty percent of the deaths from heart disease are tobacco related. Tobacco results in 96.7 billion in annual health care costs.

### **Hurdles To Policy Action**

In his presentation, Myers sought to explain some of the reasons behind the slower than warranted progress in tobacco control. He noted that the tobacco industry was the first to recognize the power of politics and of political action and the importance of framing the debate. Thus, the industry developed political friends in high places, according to Myers, used the media to frame the issue as one of an individual’s right to choose or tobacco as a legal product or tobacco control as government

intrusion, and it created scientific doubt about the science.

He reiterated that in epidemiology and public health it is rarely enough to produce science and assume that change will happen. Change requires leaders, leadership, dedication, and sustained commitment, said Myers.

### **Three Hurdles**

Like other public health issues, tobacco is a health issue, but its solution is a political AND social issue according to Myers. “All policy change faces three hurdles,” said Myers, including 1) “uninformed policy makers and the public, 2) inertia, and 3) active opposition—often from powerful forces that creates a lack of political will.” To address these hurdles, Myers claimed a solid scientific base is a prerequisite. Stated most simply, “we must have the facts and serve as the information resource,” according to Myers.

### **More About Hurdles**

Myers elaborated on overcoming the hurdles by saying that facts must be followed by achieving a public recognition of the problem. This he argued for in the form of media campaigns to keep the issue visible and framed as a serious problem with a sense of urgency if not public outrage.

Next he highlighted the importance of gaining support from organizations and individuals to join in the fight because “when priorities collide, political leaders do what they believe the people who are

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## Program Coverage

The program was established in 2003 and eight competitions were held over the life of the program. During this time, approximately 5,000 students from all 50 states participated in the program. YES awarded \$3.7 million in scholarships to 976 students. The top winners received awards ranging from 15K to 50K.

## Special Event

A special weekend event was held in early June 2012 to mark the end of the YES program and to give some of the scholars an opportunity to expand their network and reconnect on the importance of epidemiology and public health, according to Diane Tsukamaki, the Director of National Recognition and Scholarship Programs at the College Board. A total of 84 former high school students and over 20 former scholarship judges and professionals were on hand for the special event.

The event opened with a social reception on Friday evening and then the day on Saturday was devoted to a panel discussion on Improving Conditions for Health—From Research To Practice, discussion groups on six different topics ranging from infectious diseases to public policy, a keynote address by Matt Myers President of the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (see separate article, this issue), and a group discussion on possible future activities related to the YES experience.

## Definition of Success

According to Tsukamaki, the intent of

the event was not to take stock of all the accomplishments of the YES program. She noted that asking how many students become or plan to become epidemiologists is too narrow a way of defining the impact of the program. Instead, she claimed that the impact had been made because many students learned skills for critical thinking and have learned to think about health at a population level. "Not everyone needs to be a 'card-carrying' epidemiologist for the program to have achieved impact," according to Tsukamaki.

The major indirect benefits of the program were perhaps best captured by the sentiments of Camille Pfister, a student in the 2010-2011 competition who stated "The best part of the YES competition was its ability to make each participant feel like they can truly make a difference in the world through public health." This sentiment was echoed by Kevin Xu saying "the YES program gave alumni 'agency' to act on their interest in public health." (See page 8 for additional comments).

## Recognition for Epi

Xu points out that because of the College Board's involvement, essentially every college bound high school graduate in the country over the past 8 years was told about epidemiology. Prior to this time, few high school students recognized, understood or appreciated epidemiology, according to Xu. He credits the YES program as one of the important contributors to the current boom in interest in

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active care about." He urged non-governmental groups to relate to government by helping where appropriate but pushing where necessary. He made a distinction between coalition building and advocacy stating that direct advocacy for public policies that make a difference is crucial and that advocates need to know who counts to make change take place. He cautioned that change does not occur overnight ---"it is a marathon not a sprint."

### **Formula for Success**

He told the audience "it is our responsibility to address all three hurdles." His formula for success in bringing about change is: Science + Communications + Advocacy + Coalition Building = Policy Action, Environmental and Behavior Change. Individual leaders are required to make these elements happen, he said, and the roles of the engaged persons can vary depending on the circumstances, but all of the elements must be addressed.

### **Staying Objective**

When asked about potential loss of objectivity for scientists engaged in the process of making change, Myers said engaging in the process of social change does not require a loss of objectivity. In fact, he said, "we expect nothing less from scientists" and being engaged is the best guarantee that the evidence produced by epidemiologists or other scientists is not ignored or misused. When scientists fail to engage, Myers said, they fail to assure the proper use and impact of

the evidence. Furthermore, it is important for scientists to be engaged with those interested in addressing public health and social problems because non-scientists can identify gaps in data which must be filled for the scientific work to be of real benefit

### **Constructing The Story**

As part of his formula for success, Myers told the audience that scientists and public health professionals must be able to tell a compelling story and tell it simply. "We need individual leaders to be engaged, to reach out to the public, to make the case," he told the Epi Monitor. "It does not happen naturally." Using tobacco as an example, he said it is a story that can be and must be told in just four sentences or concepts:

1. We must act. We face a genuine tragedy if we don't act, act now, and act decisively.
2. Tobacco caused deaths are preventable. We already know how to reduce tobacco use. And we can afford it.
3. The action we propose translated into lives saved, costs saved, and longer healthier living. This is about real people.
4. This is the time to act.

### **Champions**

Myers anchored his talk in expanding on these four concepts, concluding that people make a difference and that behind every

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## Lessons Learned From Case Studies of Data Translation Published In The Annals of Epidemiology

The findings from two symposia sponsored by the American College of Epidemiology have been published in the Annals of Epidemiology, the latest in the June 2012 issue. These symposia have focused on how to effectively translate epidemiology into policy or practice and have used a set of eight case studies to examine the question. The first set involving secondhand smoke, blood alcohol limits, physical activity in school, and compensation of veterans was published in the June 2010 issue of the Annals. The latest set of four case studies on health disparities, cancer screening, HIV prevention, and salt reduction are appearing in the current issue.

The key findings from the eight case studies are presented in an overview article in the current issue by [Faith Davis](#) and colleagues [Caryn Peterson](#), [Frank Bandier](#), [Olivia Carter-Pokras](#), and [Ross Brownson](#).

### Most Important Ingredient

When it comes to efficacy, the authors conclude that "the most important ingredient for success...seems to be placing a high priority on a specific issue, and recognizing that this decision needs to be followed by a strong and long-term multidisciplinary approach." They note that "in all examples, a key group chose to focus on one specific change for which there is epidemiologic evidence supporting the health benefits of this change."

### Framework

This multi-disciplinary team effort is

based on an underlying conceptual framework which envisages the policy development process as involving multiple steps or stages starting with problem definition and ending with implementation and/or evaluation. It does require a strategy to successfully navigate from the initial issue identification stage to the final policy decision stage. Given this multi-step requirement, it is not surprising that there are multiple tasks or roles for epidemiologists and others to fulfill if a successful policy development strategy is to be successful. The evidence is only one element in the overall process or strategy for policy development. (See lead article this issue).

### Stalemate On Role

According to the authors, the importance of moving epidemiologic evidence into policy and practice is no longer a debate, however "controversy remains over the role of the epidemiologist as an advocate for policy changes and what that means."

This stalemate about the role of the epidemiologist in policy has been around for many years and, according to one of the sources cited by Davis and colleagues, contributes to the failure of epidemiologists to be more effective in translating evidence into policy. This supports the perspective taken by [Matthew Myers](#) in his address to the YES program in which he called for the active

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public health victory is a champion or a group of champions providing the essential leadership element. Unless individuals and scientists feel strongly enough about the need to translate evidence into action or policy, then it won't happen, said Myers. Even when the science is right, he added, well meaning decision makers have lots of problems to address. Which one gets tackled depends on which one has people behind it demanding change.

### Perseverance

He reiterated that meaningful change takes time and perseverance. "What is radical and impossible today becomes tomorrow's norm," he said, "and success is rarely a straight line. But with the right effort, the arc of progress leans the right way. There is nothing more fulfilling," he stated at the end of his presentation.

### Audience Reaction

Kevin Xu, one of the young participants in the YES event in Washington, told the Epi Monitor that Myers' presentation was remarkable and very different from other keynote speeches. Why? Because Myers' talk was very down to earth and candid about the challenges facing those who would translate evidence into action, he said. He added, there is a "schism" between policymakers in the outside world and researchers in the ivory tower with the latter not really aware of what it takes to get people to listen or to take action. Myers' talk was "very constructive", he said.

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involvement of scientists in assuring that the power of data for social change is realized in practice.

The authors conclude by noting the lack of epidemiologic training in the domains which support policy development, and they call for incorporation of lessons learned into training programs.

### Articles

The articles included in the current issue of the Annals of Epidemiology on this topic are:

*How Do We Effectively Move Epidemiology Into Policy Action?*

*Population-Wide Sodium Reduction: The Bumpy Road from Evidence to Policy*

*The Emerging HIV Epidemic On the Mexico Border: An International Case Study Characterizing the Role of Epidemiology in Surveillance and Response*

*Epidemiology, Policy, and Racial/Ethnic Minority Health Disparities*

*Cancer Screening: The Journey from Epidemiology to Policy*

Readers may access the articles at <http://www.annalsofepidemiology.org/issues>

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## Future Efforts

epidemiology, public health, and global health among high school and college students.

He told the Epi Monitor that it is now common for students on spring break to go overseas to do field work on these topics, and that they take the "gold medal" for student interest groups on campus today. He attributed this passion to an increasing sense of caring about social justice among students and said public health/epidemiology is now an undergraduate mainstay.

### Prioritization Decision

When asked why a successful program had been terminated, Tsukamaki told the Epi Monitor that the recent economic downturn had caused the RWJF to reassess a lot of programs. Reportedly, the RWJF liked the program but did not have the resources to fully fund it in the future. Other partners who might have participated in extending the funding chose not to do so. The YES program was not the only one cut by RWJF, according to Tsukamaki.

While no organization has stepped up to continue the program, grassroots efforts by alumni of the program are being made to support epidemiology and public health related activities for high school and college level students, according to Tsukamaki. This was confirmed by Kevin Xu who said a committee of 12-15 YES alumni has taken on the responsibility for continuing the YES legacy in a grassroots form. The group is still conceptualizing how it will meet this challenge, but early ideas are to create a science journal designed to publish the contributions of high school students in this topic area including both scientific papers and essays which reflect the perspectives and understandings of the high school students about public health.

A special commemorative magazine on the YES program was published in connection with the event in early June. Readers can access this magazine at:

<http://tinyurl.com/79buqdu>

More information about the YES program can be found at <http://yes.collegeboard.org/> ■

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## Young Epidemiology Scholars And Health Professionals Speak Out On Epidemiology and Public Health

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/College Board' Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) scholarship competition was terminated recently (see related article this issue). To help tally up some of the accomplishments of the program, a special magazine was published entitled "The YES Experience: Past, Present, Future". This publication includes a variety of observations made by students, judges, and other professionals involved with the program or the people in it. According to epidemiologists in attendance, several of these remarks are inspiring and noteworthy for the insights they provide about epidemiology and public health. A selection of these comments is provided below.

"If you truly want to make a difference with your life, epidemiology can give you the key."

-Jennifer Schindler

Student at Columbia University

"The greatest reward you will find in epidemiology and public health is the incredible satisfaction and influence you can derive from the ability to think systematically about a range of societal problems. This will open many, many doors to making important contributions to society."

-Shiriki Kumanyika

University of Pennsylvania

"One of the big challenges to our country is that many people do not understand the principles of probability, uncertainty, risk, assessment of the evidence...all of these principles, they are life skills, not just professional skills...it's part of what it takes to be a good citizen, to understand the role of citizens in shaping choice in our communities, in our states, in our nation, and even for our world."

-Harvey Fineberg

Institute of Medicine

"Probably the most important education program in public health and epidemiology I have come across in the last 25 years."

-Lee Riley,

University of California, Berkeley

"I believe health is a matter of agency; it is health that provides the conditions that enable humankind to thrive."

-Kevin Xu

Student at Columbia University

"This YES experience gave me the confidence and skills to do research. But YES also showed me that what we do in science matters to people in a deeply personal way – from a mom who is ill with breast cancer to a teenager with depression."

-Aman Prasad

Student, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"I never really liked science classes in high school. But after getting involved with the YES competition, I discovered my passion for epidemiology. The YES competition provided me with the real world applications of science."

-Maya Wolpert

Program Mgr, Stanford University

"The YES competition can have a huge impact in changing people's lives. It's one of the most exhilarating and inspiring events of my professional career."

-Leonard Syme

University of California, Berkeley

"They will always think like an epidemiologist."

-Diane Tsukamaki

College Board

"When I confirmed with a nurse that there was not some sort of error, she grimaced and said,

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we see these every once in a while. Remember, these are the people we have to help.' This will resonate within me for the rest of my life, no matter what career I eventually pursue."

-Jeffrey Wang

Student at Harvard University commenting on an experience he had while working at a local Planned Parenthood clinic at his county health department.

"Instead of being presented with facts to understand and retain as in school, research develops one's capacity to think backwards, to question the world around you, and to create methods by which one can solve or answer questions."

-Sarah Wong

Student in the 2009-10 competition

"Epidemiology is about critical thinking – taking a healthy skepticism about the easy conclusions and thinking outside the box to find the solutions and causes. At its heart, epidemiology involves building solid arguments about causation from observations of patterns. All disciplines require analysis of patterns, probing of causation and building of sound arguments. So the study of epidemiology is relevant to a wide spectrum of disciplines, either directly or as good practice in clear thinking."

-David Fraser

University of Pennsylvania ■



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