

KP Oakland Residency Advocacy Curriculum

Preliminary Policy Summary

Instructions: Choose a health policy issue that is of interest to your team and that you all think has policy implications (i.e. contraceptive equity, maternal mortality review).

Using the attached description/template, write up the results of your investigation/review and prepare a brief presentation to the group (can be powerpoint or handout). This is not a doctoral dissertation! Keep it brief, acknowledge what you don't know at this point and comment on how you would continue working on this policy/issue (who/what/where/when).

Policy Summary:

What is a "Policy Summary"?

A policy summary is a succinct and neutral description of what is known about a particular issue or problem and is written for busy policymakers. A policy summary includes: the issue's history, stakeholders, analysis of the problem, proposed or possible solutions, the writer's recommendations for policy action.

For this "preliminary" exercise, please complete the following components:

1. Introduction:
 - a. **Describe the issue.** What is the problem? Who is it a problem for? Why is it a problem for this affected group?
2. **History** of this issue.
 - a. Have there been previous efforts to solve this problem? What are they?
3. Who are the **stakeholders** for this issue?
 - a. List the people/organizations/institutions who have an interest in outcomes related to this issue.
 - b. Have they taken any steps to solve the problem? Are there competing stakeholders?
4. Describe/consider at least two **solutions** to the problem.
 - a. One "solution" should be the Bill you have chosen. Describe another potential solution/approach.
 - b. At your current state of understanding the issue, what facts/information are available? What additional data/facts would you like to have & how would you go about finding this information?
5. Which of these solutions/approaches do you **recommend**?
 - a. What succinct arguments would you use to educate/persuade a policymaker?
 - b. What data do you have/would you need to support your position?
6. The **policymaker(s)** interaction
 - a. To whom would you address this recommendation? (Consider all possible options from within an institution, local organizations, local government, state level, federal level, etc.)
 - b. Who would be your "allies" in this effort?
 - c. Who would you consider as potential "opposition"?
 - d. What is the best timeline for making this recommendation?