



HPH 508... Health Systems Performance... Fall 2018

Syllabus

Please note that the assignment of topics to specific dates is only approximate as some topics may take more time than others and dates may have to be changed to accommodate the needs of guest speakers.

Required Text: "Health Policy Issues, An Economic Perspective," PJ Feldstein, Health Administration Press; 6th edition [denoted "F" in assignments below]

Other required reading will be posted on Blackboard and listed with each topic denoted as "BB" in assignments below

Recommended monograph: "Mental Health Policy in the US Since 1950." RG Frank and SA Glied, The Johns Hopkins University Press [denoted "F&G" in assignment below]

Session # 1, Aug 30. Introduction and overview

General characteristics of healthcare delivery in the US; is it a "system" or a subsidized, regulated industry? How is policy made? The "Economic Theory" of Regulation
... F, chapter 30

Session # 2, Sept 6. Cost and cost containment

An overview of the economics of the healthcare industry....
... F, chapters 1 & 2

Session # 3, Sept 13. Comparative health systems

The basic characteristics of systems in the OECD countries
... F, Chapter 32; BB, OECD med data, Exec. summary and Chapters 1&3

- Session # 4, Sept 20. The Healthcare workforce
Who does what and who will do what?
... F, chapters 11, 23, 24; BB, physwffissues, sections I & VIII
- Session # 5, Sept 27.
The acute care hospital: origin, configuration and future
Guest speaker: Reuvan L. Pasternak, MD, MPH
Vice President for Health Systems, Stony Brook Medicine
... F, chapters 14, 15 and 16
- Session # 6, Oct 4. The roles of governments in healthcare
Regulator, subsidizer, provider, purchaser; review of
Medicare and Medicaid
... F, Chapters 8 & 9; BB, Medicaid NEJM
- Session # 7, Oct 11. An overview of the continuum of long term care in
the United States
Guest speaker: Fred Sganga, MPH, LNHA, FACHE
Director, Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook
... F, chapter 35
- Session # 8, Oct 18. Evolving systems of care for defined populations
Guest speaker: Linda S. Efferen, MD, MBA
Vice President, Medical Director
Office of Population Health
Stony Brook Medicine
- Session # 9, Oct 25. Discussion of first exam.
Private sector insurance; managed care
... F, chapters 6, 7, & 19

- Session #10. Nov 1. The history of mental health policy in New York State and beyond
Guest speaker: Michael L. McClain, MA, MS
Retired, former director of many Stony Brook Mental Health Programs
...F&G, Introduction and chapters 4 & 5; BB, Mental Health and substance abuse
- Session #11, Nov 8 Update on the Affordable Care Act,
... F, Chapter 33 and appendix; BB, Affordable Care Act at 5 years; BB ACA Update NEJM; BB, AHCA NEJM
- Session # 12, Nov 15. The “Quality Revolution,” Implementing change
Guest speaker: Rachel Wong, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor of Medicine; Stony Brook Medicine
... BB, Measuring Quality of Care, BB, HSI Quality Measurement
- Session # 13, Nov 29. The pharmaceutical industry
... F, chapters 25, 26 &28; BB, JAMA Drugs....
- Session # 14, Dec 6. Discussion of second exam. The changing practice of medicine, medical liability
... F, chapters 12 & 13; BB, Physician Payment NEJM
- Session # 15, Dec 13. In class final exam

Competencies covered in this course:

Health Services Administration: Understand the organization, cost, financing, quality, and equity of the health care delivery system; the role of the health care delivery system in maintaining the health of populations; and current health management and policy issues.

Learning Experiences:

- Identify the organization, financing, and delivery issues of the health care system in the US.
- Describe the legal, ethical, historical, and philosophical bases for the health care delivery system in the US.
- Discuss the policy process for improving the health status of populations.
- Describe the attributes of leadership for public health and health services delivery organizations.
- Identify critical stakeholders for the planning, implementing, and evaluating of public health programs, policies and interventions.
- Identify the organization, financing, and services of the public health system in the US.
- Describe the legal, ethical, historical, and philosophical bases for public health in the US.

Professionalism: Understand the foundations of the public health profession, and demonstrate professional, culturally competent knowledge and practice.

Learning Experiences:

- Distinguish between population and individual ethical considerations in relation to the benefits, costs, and burdens of public health programs.

Systems Thinking: Recognize system-level properties that result from interactions among humans and social systems, and how these interactions affect the relationships among individuals, groups, organizations, communities, and environments.

Learning Experiences:

- Identify characteristics of a system.
- Identify consequences produced by changes made to a public health system.
- Explain how systems (e.g., individuals, social networks, organizations, and communities) may be viewed as systems within systems in the analysis of public health problems.
- Illustrate how changes in public health systems (including input, processes, and output) can be measured.
- Analyze the effects of political, social and economic policies on public health systems at the local, state, national and international levels.
- Assess strengths and weaknesses of applying the systems approach to public health problems.

Problem Solving: Use problem solving skills to address public health problems.

Learning Experiences:

- Describe the scope of a public health problem and the important stakeholders involved.