

Envisioning Leadership for Health Professions Education in the 21st Century

Case 1: Leadership in Health Care Systems

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- What do I mean by 'health care systems'
 - Classic understanding: those places where individuals who become ill are treated & healthy individuals are provided the supports they need to stay well
 - A broader definition of health-related systems will include the population-focused public health system
- The practice of any of the health professions is a collaborative event
 - All professionals are interdependent with at least one other profession
 - Focus on tasks is confusing, because so many of them are done by multiple professions
 - No profession has taught collaboration really well
- Leadership at the system level requires
 - Ability to speak multiple languages
 - Ability to describe preferred futures in shared language
 - Ability to keep one eye on the future while coping with the present
- Examples from my experience
 - Building a state-wide approach to HIV/AIDS in Oregon
 - Building a new state department of health in Washington
 - Building a new outpatient structure at St. Louis University