

Genetic Services Policy Projects

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Gloria Steinem once wrote:

*"Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming,
we lose the excitement of possibilities.
Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning."*

Activities at GSB

- Meeting of Cooperative agreements
 - The meeting had several objectives:
 - to promote collaboration and the sharing of resources and information among the cooperative agreements/coordinating centers and between them and MCHB;
 - to explore the overall priority issues in genetic services;
 - to identify those issues that could and should be addressed by GSB; and
 - to provide guidance to GSB on the roles the cooperative agreements/coordinating centers can play in addressing these priority issues.

Suggested Outcomes

- GSB should:
 - Focus much of its work on moving stakeholders (consumers, providers, payers, etc) toward a family-based detection model.
 - Develop a model for taking advantage of a wide range of opportunities to improve genetic literacy and provide appropriate genetic services.

Suggested Outcomes

- GSB should:
 - Work toward creating a comprehensive system that meets these needs, e.g., through health plans.
 - Identify key data elements and strategies for assessing quality of genetic services and building the evidence base for inclusion of these services in comprehensive systems of care.

Where We are Today

- Will be developing a new competitive Cooperative agreement for FY 2007
- Recognize ideas that come from this group and others
- Work with 7 Regional Collaboratives
- Looking for cross collaboration with other HRSA funded grants

The point is
not to predict
the future
but to
prepare for it
and to shape
it.

