

## **Community Health Plan and Report SLOAC Review Comments**

Thanks for filing an assessment plan with the SLOAC. We have the following comments for you to consider:

1. On the plan: SLOs 3, 5, and 6 are a bit tricky to assess, as written, for students who are still in school. You might consider rewording them to add “Have an ability to...” or “Develop skill in...” As they are written, you’d have to assess the actual implementation of programs, etc. This could be done, but it is not simple to do so.
2. On the plan: For SLO 7, we’d ask if you are doing both oral and written communication. If so, add that to the SLO.
3. You might consider how you can use others to help with assessment. Perhaps you could gather data students complete in other courses. We’re not exactly sure what to suggest, but as you consider curricular changes, you might keep assessment points and assignments in mind. Jean Sando can work with you and your Dean to suggest some ways of doing assessment that does not rely on one person gathering the data, reporting on it, and making changes as a result.
4. Your rubrics included with your plan look good. Please use them this year and see what kind of results you get and if you need to make changes.
5. On your Assessment Report Form, you indicate that you don’t have data, but it appears that you do. What was your sample size? Good thoughtful response to the results you’ve received.
6. We are encouraging programs to consider ways of doing more formative assessment instead of relying only on assessment data gained during the senior seminar course. In other words, is there a course that all students take early in their careers where you can gather similar data to compare with students when they are finished with your program. As a related issue, how much do your students know about their scores on assessment? Is there a way for students to “track” their progress through your program on the outcomes. Please consider how you can move your assessment to a deeper level by considering these additions.

We do not need anything more from you for this year.

Your next report will be due on October 31, 2008.

If you wish to apply for an Instructional Improvement Grant, the deadline is January 31, 2008. Complete details are available at [www.mnstate.edu/assess](http://www.mnstate.edu/assess), click on Grants. We typically require that programs have data to support their grant. Since you don’t have data at this point, it may be difficult to apply for a grant.

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