

**Health Literacy Summit**  
**February 28, 2008**  
**Closing Notes**

**Health Literacy Definition**

The degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.

US Dept Health & Human Services

Whatever available – a “road map” contextualized (esp. research)

More “circle study” type clustering

Lesson plan for use

Program planning – how/where fit together

Who/what/guiding/concepts in order to “choose”/ fit into plan

Send “good” stuff created in field to Drucie

Cost of implementing

Assumptions are a “barrier” clarity and stating purpose upfront

Marketing/ communications person look at website (clear navigation button)

States have different delivery methods/system

Small states do not have resources

\*Bridges to Practice ? In depth training creates resources in state  
id one-2 priorities per year

\*numeracy

short “blurbs” – we who is for why go there, email preferred

Survey what/type/subject wanted

\*help w/ sorting thru “universe” to get quickly to what want  
meet as smaller more “alike” region?

Define ahead of meeting – things to share / things I need

Reg meeting helpful to share

More ground work on meeting agenda prior to actual meeting

Northwest site for LINCS still hosted

Next Mtg

More targeted

Specific goals

Send info/suggestions this summer for 2009

NIFL develop Rubric for sorting

NIFL translate research to practice disseminate

Updates

Training

Networking

Problem solving

Planning

Send out more ahead of time

ROOP – what want from NIFL more input into research agenda

## **Challenges**

- Time
- Money
- Multiple Voices need a single “roadmap”
- Sheer volume / overload
- Need broader perspective but synthesized / abstract for each tool
- Cookbook for how to use what is available / secondary sort

## **Challenges**

- Need new template for small, rural areas
- Can’t just repackage big to small
- Rules and Regulations
- Need multiple tools
- Sustainability?
- Managing multiple points of access in health

## **Resources**

- Librarians Rock
- Learners as resources, as recruiters
- Health care employers, unions to diversity workforce
- Need to look at \$ systematically, common mission
- Need to collaborate to maximize resources
- Time with learners/ patients

## **Resources**

- Call diabetes.org
- NIFL – NIFL.gov, health literacy discussion
- Hawaii State Wellness Initiative, State BOE adopted policy all schools must generate a plan
- Medline Plus
- UCSF CTSI – community engagement program – researchers as collaborators

## **Inspirations**

Adult learners participation

Hope = Action