

## **The Contents of the Public Health Analysis in Health Systems Management should include:**

**Abstract:** In 500 words or less, provide a summary of the completed project, including the problem you addressed, its background and significance for public health, health care delivery, and/or health policy, the methods used and the rationale for using them, the results achieved, the lessons learned, and the significant findings and recommendations.

### **Contents**

- A. Background and Significance:** Provide a brief background description of the health management or policy issue addressed by your project and its implications for public health and health systems management. State the significance and/or specific reasons for undertaking the project.
- B. Rationale:** Complete a thorough review of the literature relevant to the health management or policy issue being addressed by your project, including any relevant aspects of the biological basis of health and disease, community health, environmental health, and social and behavioral health. Include the results of related epidemiological and statistical studies addressing the issue and the theoretical basis or framework for the proposed project, if applicable. Provide definitions and explanation of terminology when needed.
- C. Hypothesis, Research Question(s) and/or Goals and Objectives:** State the project objectives, the hypotheses to be tested, and questions to be answered by your study. Generally, one main hypothesis or question is sufficient; there may be one or more secondary hypotheses or questions.
- D. Materials and Methods:** Describe the methods used to address your management or policy problem or question, primary or secondary data collected for the project and how these data were obtained, and the rationale or justification for the approach used.
- E. Results:** Review in detail the findings or results. This may require one or more sections, depending upon the hypotheses or questions under consideration. Sections might also include, as appropriate, specific methods that were used to supplement those initially proposed in the Materials and Methods section.
- F. Discussion:** Discuss the results highlighting the main findings. Problems encountered during the intervention or in doing the study and how they were dealt with should be described. Any limitations, validity, or bias of your findings should be addressed. The discussion should relate the findings to the individual hypotheses or questions under Section C above. Further, this section should address the health and health management and policy implications of the study in the wider context of all of the core public health disciplines.
- G. Conclusions and Recommendations:** Summarize the critical findings obtained from the project their implications of the study for our understanding of public health policy and practice. Provide recommendations and next steps in the study of organizational performance and/or policy development based on your findings.

**H. Appendices:** All non-confidential questionnaires, data collection tools, or other materials developed for the project should be included as appendices, including lists of data that might not be deemed suitable because of their length in the Results section.

\* Professional Degree Programs include MPH, MSPH, MPHTM, MD/MPH, MHA, MMM, Joint Degree/MPH, Joint Degree/MSPH.