



introduction

The Evidence-Based Health Policy Development Advocacy Group (EBHPD) is initiated by the Research and Training Centre for Community Development (RTCCD), with support from the Social Consultancy Unit of the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations.

In action, EBHPD is guided by adopting the following principles:

1. Health policy is an important component of a nation's welfare which assures an achievement of the human rights and social equity. It also can be effective tools used by the Government for poverty reduction;
2. Health policies must be resulted from a comprehensively analytical science-based process gathering information from five respects (1) social-political situations; (2) health system; (3) people's basic health needs and values that must be guaranteed; (4) available resources; and (5) best possible research-based evidence.
3. The processes of health policy analysis and development must be participatory, with the equal attendance of all beneficiary groups of which include civil society organizations who contribute the objective voice to protecting the users' rights and benefits.

EBHPD aims to assuring the basic healthcare services accessible for vulnerable groups, to minimizing catastrophic health expenditures and to improving the quality of care, by guaranteeing patients' rights in healthcare service use. The Group's strategies are to attach the members' benefits to its designated activities, measured by an enhancement in members' capacity in policy advocacy. The approaches used are learning environment creation, experience sharing, and cooperation in data collection, analysis and

advocacy. EBHPD is expected to be a recognized forum where researchers and independent research organizations discuss policy issues for an equitable, effective and sustainable Vietnamese health system.

EBHPD operates as an open group encouraging the involvement of individuals and institutions who have the common goals in evidence-based health policy advocacy. All of the discussions and presentations will be objective and evidence-based. The management follows transparency and accountability principles.

The operational structure of the Group consists of three organs Member Council, Acting Committee and Coordinating Organization with clear responsibilities. The Member Council gathers all of the official members, either individuals or organizations. The Acting Committee is in charge of proposing the expected outcomes for the Group tasks, and of monitoring the transparency and accountability in every activities. The Coordinating Organization implements the action plans approved by the Member Council. RTCCD is assigned to be the first Coordinating Organization in the period of 2014-2015.

Up to date, EBHPD has the participation of 5 organizations and 21 individuals as official members, and 55 individuals from 27 organizations as observers and collaborators. The first year finance of the Group is funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) through the Support Program for the Policy Advocacy Coalition coordinated by Oxfam in Vietnam.

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