

Ethics, Epidemiology, and Public Policy Decisions – A Case Example of Hydrofracking

Workshop 5 Agenda September 22, 2013 8AM-12:00PM

8:00-8:30 Workshop Overview, Objectives, and Speaker Introductions

Hydrofracking in NYS: A Brief Review of the Critical Role of Epidemiology

Patricia L. Meinhardt, MD, MPH, MA, Medical Director OEM Consultation (Moderator)

8:30-10:00 Keynote Faculty Presentations

The Interface Between Science and Public Policy: Whose Ethics is it?

Bernard D. Goldstein, MD, Professor Emeritus, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health

Reframing Risk Debates in Public Policy Decisions as Value Debates

Leonard Ortmann, PhD, Senior Ethics Consultant, Public Health Ethics Unit, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Questions and Answers (as time allows)

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:15 Hypothetical Case Scenario with Expert Panel Discussion

The Decision to Allow Hydrofracking in Community X: Ethical Dilemmas and Your Role as an Epidemiologist

Panelists:

Madelon Lubin Finkel, PhD, Professor of Clinical Public Health, Weill Cornell Medical College

Douglas L. Weed, MD, MPH, PhD, Founder DLW Consulting Services, LLC

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11:15-12:00 Discussion of Ethics Resources from CDC and ACE Ethics Guidelines

Public Health Ethics Resources: The Role of the CDC

Drue H. Barrett, PhD, Lead, Public Health Ethics Unit, Office of Science Integrity, Office of the Associate Director for Science, Office of the Director, CDC

Review of ACE Ethics Guidelines

Thomas M. Weiser, MD, MPH, Portland Area Indian Health Service Medical Epidemiologist and IRB Chair (Chair ACE Ethics Committee)