Comparing DNP Project National Trends to the AACN 2015 White Paper: Developing a Plan to Get from What Is to What Should Be

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Special Session Objectives

• Continue the national conversation and exploration of timely trends related to DNP Projects

• Discuss the next steps needed to further align DNP projects with the AACN 2015 White Paper recommendations
Special Session

- Expect a lively discussion
- Explore a variety of ideas
- Search for best practices/ DNP project “norms”
- Identify what topics needs further exploration
Brief history of the conversations to date:

**October 2017**
- Question about DNP Projects Posted on AACN Discussion Board

**January 2018**
- Open discussion session held at AACN Doctoral Education Conference (Naples, FLA)

**January 2019**
- Presented national survey results at AACN Doctoral Education Conference (San Diego, CA)

**August 2019**
- Facilitated an open conversation at DNP, INC National Conference about DNP project components/national study findings (Washington, DC)

**January 2020**
- Continued the conversation before AACN Doctoral Education Conference (Naples, FLA) AND presentation focused on informal interviews regarding group/team projects
Reminder of 2015 White Paper Recommendations specific to DNP Projects

Title: DNP Project
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Scholarly Product: Includes planning, implementation and evaluation.

Some debate continues....
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Integrative and Systematic Reviews

Not considered as a DNP Project
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Portfolio

Not considered a DNP Project
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Group/Team Projects

Least explored/ published component
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Dissemination of the DNP Project
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DNP Project Team

Replace the term committee with team
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Evaluation of the final DNP Project

Responsibility of faculty
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Digital Repository for DNP final projects
Key Messages/Issues

- Group/Team DNP Projects
- Types of Projects/Required Frameworks
- Faculty Workload
- Impact and Sustainability
What are considered best practices for DNP Projects?
What needs further exploration?
Take aways from our conversation...