

STUDY CIRCLE #2

Lifting the Statistical Veil • Seeing the Faces of Real People

I. Welcome: Coming together and settling in with a brief reading or contemplative activity

II. Overview: The goal in this session is to acquaint ourselves with issues affecting a variety of people whose life situations and available choices may be different from our own. In preparation for this session read each stakeholder's story.

III. Activities for this session:

A. Stepping into the Other's Shoes. In group discussion share the stakeholders' situations and their implications.

1. What are the basic facts of the stakeholders' lives?
2. What kind of health coverage do they have, if any?
3. In what ways and to what extent are they vulnerable?
4. How does the issue of health care spill into other spheres of their lives; such as employment opportunities, financial stability, where they live, etc.
5. Other questions

B. Whose Shoes Are Most or Least Expendable? Look around you and look at one another. If we were to apply the logic of our current health care system to ourselves as members of this study circle how would we decide which ones of us would *not* receive health care? Which ones of us would receive the *best* health care? What logic would you apply?

C. Stepping out of the Other's Shoes. Extract from these stories the kinds of problems that are driving the movement in this country for health care reform.

1. Using easel paper or available chalk or bulletin board quickly list all of the problems identified in your discussion.
2. As a group select the top FIVE problems from the above list. Transfer them to the form provided and identify a group member to save the form for Session #6.

D. Group Reflection

1. What surprised you the most from the readings, discussions and activities for this session?
2. What moral issues did the readings, discussions and activities raise for you?

IV. Next Week - Choose next week's facilitator, scribe, time-keeper.

