**Tulane University**

**School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

**HPAM 7660 – Health Policy Analysis**

**Week 3 Reading Discussion Questions**

**January 28th Reading Discussion Questions** *– Please submit through Canvas no later than 10:30am on January 28th.*

**Improving Evidence-Based Policymaking: A Review**

* What is evidence-based policymaking and what are its defining principles/key steps?
* What are the two approaches to evidence-based policymaking identified in the reading? How do they differ?
* Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) are generally considered the “gold standard” of evidence generation. What are some limitations of RCTs?
* Take a look at the Policy Process Models on pages 11 through 14. What are some aspects that these models have in common? In what ways do they differ?
* List the six approaches for broadening the types of evidence that can inform and strengthen policymaking and make it more actionable. Summarize each approach in a sentence or two.