

**Tulane University**  
**School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**  
**HPAM 7660 – Health Policy Analysis**  
**Week 2 Reading Guide Discussion Questions**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> Readings and Discussion Questions** – *Please submit through Canvas no later than January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm.*

**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.