



To: Advisory Board

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Subject: Director's Report (May 2005-November 2005)

During the past 6 months the Institute has continued to develop its programs in outreach education, population health research, program evaluation, and health care policy. The following summarizes these major developments since our last meeting in May 2005:

- Established, in partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin, the “Healthiest Wisconsin Leadership Institute” to provide leadership and continuing education to a ‘transformed’ (i.e., non-traditional) public health workforce (joint annual budget of approx. \$440,000, from the respective BlueCross BlueShield programs).
- Increased the “Population Health Fellowship Program” from 2 to 5 fellows, placed in Milwaukee, Madison, and LaCrosse (annual budget of approx. \$330,000, from the WI Partnership Fund).
- Released the 2005 Wisconsin County Health Ranking, with improved measures of health care quality.
- Published 4 Issue Briefs, addressing health outcomes, health disparities, and health promotion programs.
- Were funded to assist the Dean in evaluating Wisconsin’s goal to become the ‘healthiest state’.
- Conducted or collaborated in forums/symposia on Prioritizing Prevention Investments, Medicaid, and Producing and Measuring Quality Health Care for At-risk Kids.
- Prepared a report and publication on the quality of diabetes care in Wisconsin’s HMOs.
- Assisted in the development of community partnership proposals to the Wisconsin Partnership Fund (BC/BS), including Great Lakes Intertribal Council; the Legislative Council and LaFollette School; Green Bay Chamber of Commerce; SmokeFree Wisconsin; Hess Memorial Hospital, Mauston; the Addiction Resource Council of Waukesha and the Mental Health Association.
- Were funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIH) to study recovery high schools.
- Collaborated with the Division of Public Health in development of a website on evidence-based practices in support of the State Health Plan, and development of a midcourse survey related to the transformation goals of the plan.
- Continued work on multiple externally funded projects (see separate listing).