

UW-Population Health Institute
Director's Report to Advisory Board and Executive Committees
Summary of Activities since November 2006 Meetings
February, 2007

Health Policy Program (Friedsam)

- Completed, in partnership with WI DHFS, preparation of Wisconsin's 5-year Action plan for **eHealth Quality and Patient Safety**, including final reports for Finance and for Consumer Interests Work Group.
- Lead staff on the **Health Insurance Privacy and Security Collaborative (HIPSC)** focusing on HIPAA and other matters relevant to the exchange of electronic health records. (Final report due March 30, 2007)
- Producing WI **eHealth Implementation Summit**, scheduled for March 15, 2007.
- Launched the **Evidence-Based Health Policy Project**. Hired staff and convened partners (La Follette and WI Legislative Council).
- Produced **Legislative seminar** (Jan 24) on new state approaches to expanding coverage.
- Participated in **BadgerCare Plus Advisory Committee** and continued consultation with BC+ Healthy Living working group.
- Launched planning for 2007 American Indian Health and Science Symposium, and re-configured staffing for AI health partnership initiatives.

Outreach Education (Ceraso)

- **Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute activity:**
 - Community Teams Program – 36 participants in 5 communities (Barron, Portage, Milwaukee, La Crosse, and a statewide team) are implementing community health improvement projects with program support. This first group of teams will “graduate” at an April learning session in Madison.
 - Health Policy Program – Launched distance-based and on-site health policy workshops that provide the fundamentals on policy approaches to improving health.
 - Lifelong learning and Mentoring Program – Held a pre-WPHA workshop “Coaching and Mentoring: Tomorrow's Collaborative Leaders.” Planning is ongoing for Spring 2007 sessions, including a Collaborative Leadership Train-the-Trainer workshop and a distance session on “Discovering your Leadership Style” scheduled for March.
 - The Leadership Institute staff continues to network and present its work statewide and nationally. This includes annual presentations at WPHA and APHA as well as ongoing communication with and presentations for other partner organizations.
- **Population Health Fellowship**
 - Nine fellows currently in the field in Milwaukee, Madison, and La Crosse (see activity summary).
 - Recruitment for next class was intensified and increased the number of qualified applicants.
 - A monthly on-campus training session for Fellows has been added.

Population Health Research Program (Booske)

- Released the **2006 Wisconsin County Health Rankings**. Once again, the **Rankings** received considerable attention and statewide publicity via newspapers, radio, and television. Visited Juneau County to discuss the implications of the Rankings and potential steps to improve the county's health. Began drafting a survey to elicit user feedback on the Rankings, interactions with the media, and potential measures of policies and programs for future reports.
- Developed a draft of a new publication, the **2007 Health of Wisconsin Report Card**. Held a meeting with members of the Institute's Advisory Board, the Wisconsin Public Health Council, and staff from the Department of Health and Family Services to review the two major features of the report: assigning grades to Wisconsin's overall health and health of its subgroups and setting targets for future health.
- Continued the transition of the "Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State" project from the measurement and assessment phase to the process of synthesizing evidence and gathering expert input on the most effective interventions and policies to improve the current and future health of Wisconsin residents.

Evaluation Research Unit (Moberg)

- Received notice of funding as academic partners by the Wisconsin Partnership fund for 3 implementation grants and one planning grant.
 - Honoring Our Children Urban/Rural Outreach Project with GLITC
 - What Works: Reducing health Disparities in Wisc. Communities, w/DHFS, DPH, BHIP
 - FIT WIC-FIT Families with Wisconsin WIC Association
 - Family Teaming to Improve Health Outcomes for Youth with Aurora Family Service
- Continued federally-funded projects in the areas of **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome** prevention and intervention and **Continuing Care for High School Students with Drug Abuse**.
- Completed analysis and draft final report of the **Dane County Healthcare Access Pilot**.
- Continued to support WI DPI on a US Department of Education funded project to improve data systems and their use in the **Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities** program.
- Continued consultation with **Injury Prevention Coalitions** in collaboration with the Medical College of Wisconsin.
- Continued to provide epidemiological support to the **State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup** funded by SAMHSA through DHFS Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (BMHSAS).
- Began work on two new five year federal (SAMHSA) projects with BMHSAS:
 - **Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT)** program to implement screening for risky alcohol and other drug use in primary care settings throughout Wisconsin.
 - **Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentives Grant** to improve and fund community based prevention programs throughout Wisconsin.
- Completed the program evaluation plan for the UW's NIH infrastructure proposal for a **Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA)**.
- Continued to assist the **First Step Drug Court** with a process and outcome evaluation of a drug treatment court in Hayward
- Continued evaluation work on Department of Corrections (DOC) **Earned Release Program** -- prison-based residential AODA treatment programs.

- Began assisting the DOC's **Treatment and Diversion Program**, developing a process and outcome evaluation for six drug court sites in WI.
- Continued evaluation research for the **Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program's Diabetes Quality Improvement Project**.
- Continued program evaluation with Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, including the **Honoring Our Children** (Healthy Start) program and two Wisconsin partnership fund projects.
- Further dissemination of results from background interviews and midcourse survey related to the transformation goal of the **State Health Plan**.