

UW-Population Health Institute
Director's Report to Advisory Board and Executive Committees
Summary of Activities since February 2007 Meeting
June 5, 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)
- Produced and conducted the **WI eHealth Implementation Summit**, March 15, 2007, with over 200 participants.
- Launched the **Evidence-Based Health Policy Project** in partnership with the La Follette School and WI Legislative Council. (see separate list of events and activities)
- 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.
- Produced the 2007 American Indian Health and Science Symposium, which attracted over 150 participants.

Applied Population Health Research Program (Booske)

- Conducted a half-day workshop on the **Wisconsin County Health Rankings** in conjunction with the National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA.
- Completed data collection and began to analyze results for the **Wisconsin Population Health and Health Disparities Survey**.
- Finalized design of the **2007 Health of Wisconsin Report Card**, incorporating input from multiple stakeholders. Presented Report Card with its unique disparity scoring methodology at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Conference in Orlando, FL.
- Published a **Brief Report** on "Measuring the Burden of Non-Fatal Illness in Wisconsin" for the "Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State" project and continued the transition 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.

Program Evaluation

- Continued federally-funded projects in the areas of **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome** prevention, intervention and surveillance and **Continuing Care for High School Students with Drug Abuse**.
- Working collaboratively with HIP (Maureen Smith) on development of rigorous experimental evaluation design for 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 collaboration with **Wisconsin Injury Prevention Coalitions** project with the Medical College of Wisconsin. Barbara Hill presented a poster on this work at Community-Campus Partnership for Health conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 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).
- Developing staffing and evaluation designs for two new federal (SAMHSA) five year 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. Hired Robin Moskowitz Lecoanet to direct this evaluation.
- Continued to work with the new Institute for Clinical Translational Research on developing program evaluation systems for the UW's expected NIH **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
- Department of Corrections (DOC) **Earned Release Program** -- Process and outcome evaluation of two prison-based residential AODA treatment programs.
- Continued to assist the **Treatment and Diversion Program**, a joint program of DHFS, DOC, and OJA, developing a process and outcome evaluation for seven 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.
- Hired staff (Tim Connor) to provide ongoing **mental health program evaluation** support for the DHFS Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
- Began work on four WI Partnership Fund projects.
- Proposal to CSAT with ARC Community Services to evaluate "Smart Start" to reduce alcohol use in women of childbearing age (three years at \$225,000).
- Proposal to OJJDP with Family Medicine to evaluate development of enhanced POSIT screening of juvenile offenders for FASD and brief intervention with at-risk youth (four years at \$400,000).

Outreach Education Unit

- **Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute:**

- The first cohort of community teams graduated from the Community Teams Program in April, 2007. Teams' final project achievements included the improvement of statewide data collection systems, the launching of community-wide public information campaigns and the implementation of a school-based intervention to improve food choices among high school students.
- The Health Policy Program held its second workshop in Eau Claire in April, 2007 on policy approaches to improving public health. This series, which includes annual on-site and distance education sessions continues to be well attended and evaluated.
- The Lifelong Learning Program held its second training workshop in the Developing Future Leaders Series in May of 2007 as a pre-conference to the Wisconsin Public Health Association Annual Meeting. The workshop was fully subscribed and covered aspects of coaching and mentoring in the workplace.
- The Lifelong Learning Program also held a train-the-trainer workshop on the Turning Point Collaborative Leadership curriculum in Madison in March of 2007. Evaluations for this workshop were excellent, and plans are in the works for a repeat of this training.

- **Population Health Fellowship**

- 2005-07 Class of Fellows will complete their term on June 30. Future activities include law school, additional graduate education and seeking public health work in Wisconsin.
- A four-member selection committee selected and interviewed 16 candidates from 30 applicants.
- Four new Fellows will begin their term on July 1. Training sites include Milwaukee County Department of Aging, Madison/Dane County Health Dept, State Division of Public Health Administration Office, Milwaukee City Health Dept and Walker's Point Community Clinic.
- Incoming Fellows are: Traici Brockman: St. Louis University SPH- graduate
Suzanne Galoucher: University of Wisconsin MPH- graduate, Carrie Henning: University of Michigan SPH- graduate
MSW & MPH, Amanda Schultz: University of Illinois Chicago SPH- graduate
- Monthly Fellowship seminars have been redesigned with a focus on improving job skills, work-related problem solving and assisting Fellows in their completion of Core Activities of Learning.

- **First Monday Seminar Series**

- The First Monday Seminar Series in Population Health completed its 2006-2007 year with a seminar presented by Marion Nestle entitled "What to Eat: Personal or Social Responsibility?"