GOALS

The Evidence-Based Health Policy Project connects lawmakers, researchers, and public and private sector leaders to advance Wisconsin’s health, through two goals:

1) Provide policymakers, in both the public and private sectors, with timely, nonpartisan, high-quality information for evidence-based decision-making; and

2) Increase the involvement of UW faculty research and teaching activities in topical issues of state public policy.

The project methods are based on the premise that, in order to make research more applicable to real world circumstances, researchers need to interact with those involved with the provision and funding of health and health care services. This will result in work that is more relevant and timely, and is presented in more effective formats for policymakers—ultimately increasing the likelihood that university-generated research will be used in policy and practice.

METHODS & VENUES

- **Legislative Briefings and Symposia:** Expert-led State-capitol briefings provide legislators, staff, and state agency employees with timely, factual information for sound decision-making. Events include open question and answer sessions, and last 60-90 minutes. Briefings either address priority issues raised in the legislature in a “just-in-time” fashion, or they address broader, on-going policy issues; Symposia address policy issues in greater depth and last approximately 2-3 hours.

- **Forums:** Invitation-based events, held in a neutral non-partisan venue, provide public and private sector policymakers with high quality information on health issues and an opportunity to discuss the ramifications of this information in a safe harbor environment. Forums last approximately 3-4 hours.

- **Methods Exchanges:** Structured meetings between legislators and researchers provide opportunities for legislators and researchers to learn from each other, paving the way for continued collaboration.

PARTNERS

The Project draws on the leadership and talent of academic, government, and industry experts to address Wisconsin’s health challenges. Through a partnership with the Population Health Institute, the La Follette School of Public Affairs, and the Wisconsin Legislative Council, the Project bridges medicine and health policy, as well as research and practice, to serve the Wisconsin Legislature and decision-leaders in the public and private sectors.

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