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# Evidence-Based Health Policy Project

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## GOALS

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

- 1) Provide policymakers, in both the public and private sectors, with timely, nonpartisan, high-quality information to support evidence-based decision-making; and
- 2) Increase and the involvement of UW faculty research and teaching in issues of state public policy.

These goals are based on the idea that ongoing dialogue between generators of knowledge and generators of policy can improve and enhance the work of both. In order to best apply their work to real world circumstances, researchers need to interact with decision-makers who deliver and fund health care services. Likewise, to craft policies that most effectively address urgent problems, policymakers must have timely access to relevant and rigorous evidence, and a framework for translating that evidence into concrete action. Ultimately, increasing the responsible use of university-generated research in policy and practice can improve the health of individuals and communities in Wisconsin and elsewhere.

## VENUES

- **Legislative Briefings:** Briefings convened at the State Capitol provide legislators, staff, and state agency employees with timely, factual information and research. Briefings address priority issues raised in the legislature in a "just-in-time" fashion, or address broader, on-going policy issues. These events are open to the public, and include question and answer sessions.
- **Forums:** Invitation-based events, held in a neutral nonpartisan venue, provide public and private sector policymakers with information on health issues and an opportunity to discuss the ramifications of this information in a safe harbor environment.
- **Methods Exchanges:** Structured meetings between legislators and researchers allow for mutual learning through direct dialogue, paving the way for continued collaboration.

## PARTNERS

The Project draws on the leadership and talent of academic, government, and industry experts to help policymakers address Wisconsin's health challenges. Through a partnership with the UW 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 other decision-makers.

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