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Letter from The Dean

Dear Colleagues:

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health is committed to helping the state of Wisconsin become the healthiest state in the nation. We have begun the work to transform the School into an integrated School of Medicine and Public Health. An essential element of our transformation is to strengthen the School's partnership with the people of the State and with public and private sector leaders so that together, we can tackle the challenge of advancing the health of all of the people in our state.

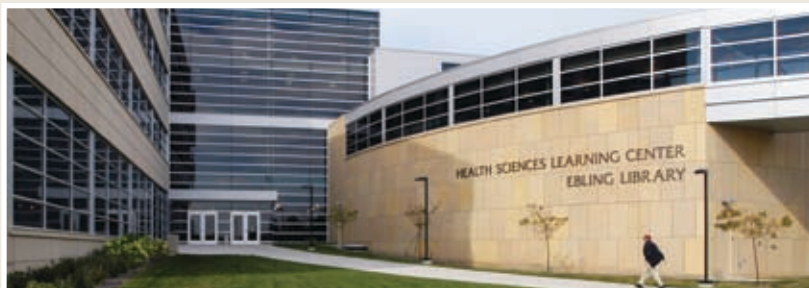
The work of our UW Population Health Institute is one vital part of our mission to improve the population's health and support the health care systems in our communities. The University's unique role is to contribute data and research findings that can inform policy and practice in health care organizations, communities and the state. In the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, we understand that this role must be carried out in a true partnership and exchange with policy-makers and practitioners and the communities that we serve.

A few projects from 2006 illustrate the ways in which the Institute supports this vital role. At the local level, the Institute's annual Wisconsin County Health Rankings is an important tool that can help communities assess and then improve their health status. At the state level, the Evidence-Based Health Policy Project, in collaboration with the La Follette School of Public Affairs and the Wisconsin Legislative Council, is building bridges between the University and policy makers—not to advocate for specific programs or policies, but rather to inform the debate with the best available evidence.

The Institute's tag line—"translating research into policy and practice"—is best done in an exchange relationship. Research results from our academic program must be communicated effectively to practitioners—their intended audience. At the same time, our research must be informed by the experiences and the needs of public health and clinical practitioners. I believe that this "exchange" is what the UW founders had in mind when they conceived of the "Wisconsin Idea."

As Dean of the School, I am pleased to present the 2006 report and am very excited about the good work we can do together in 2007 and beyond.

Dean Robert Golden





Mission Statement



The Institute serves as the bridge to public health and health policy practitioners in the state, through an active citizen advisory board, frequent issue briefs and reports, and periodic conferences and educational programs.

It also serves as a focal point for public health and health policy within the School of Medicine and Public Health by bringing together faculty, staff, and students interested in applying their skills and experience to answer “real-world” questions.

Mission:

To translate public health and health policy research into practice.

We strive to:

- Address a broad range of real world problems of topical importance to government, business, providers and the public.
- Promote partnerships of inquiry between researchers and users of research, breaking down barriers between the academic community and public and private sector policy makers.

- Advance the development of interdisciplinary research, along the spectrum from public health to health care, at the UW-Madison and other academic settings in Wisconsin.
- Provide outreach and continuing education for practitioners and opportunities for applied learning for MPH, medical, graduate, and other health professions students.
- Contribute to public health and health care practice and policy decisions that improve Wisconsin's population health.
- Maintain the highest level of relevance, rigor, and objectivity.

Community Advisory Board



Curt Gielow, Susan Turney, Helene Nelson

"The Community Advisory Board has been a vital forum for discussing the work of the Institute in public health and health care research, policy and service. Leaders from many sectors bring varying perspectives and knowledge, creating dialogue that is always thoughtful and sometimes spirited. We hope that we are helping the Institute carry out its important mission more fully and thereby improve the health of Wisconsin. As Board members, we appreciate our opportunity to learn and collaborate with one another as well as the University in this way."

Helene Nelson

The Institute is guided by an 16-member Community Advisory Board, with members from health care, public health, business, voluntary sectors, as well as leaders from Wisconsin's legislature. The Board meets 3-4 times per year to guide the work of the Institute and provide feedback on its programs and publications.

Members in 2006

Bevan Baker

Commissioner
City of Milwaukee Health Department

Steve Brenton

President
Wisconsin Hospital Association

Curt Gielow

Representative
Wisconsin State Assembly

Al Jacobs

CEO
Wisconsin Education Association Trust

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Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

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Department of Employee Trust Funds

Susan Turney

Chief Executive Officer
Wisconsin Medical Society



The Programs of the Institute

The Institute is led by nationally recognized leaders in applied public health and health policy research. Patrick Remington, MD, MPH has over 25 years experience in public health research and practice, with a focus on measuring and monitoring the health of populations. Paul Moberg brings extensive experience in program evaluation and evaluation research specializing in substance abuse prevention and treatment. David Kindig, MD, PhD is a nationally recognized expert in health care policy, with a recent focus on approaches to improve health through value purchasing, with a focus on population health outcomes.

Major Programs

- 1. Population Health Research:** Focuses on community health assessment, a core function of public health.
- 2. Health Policy:** Engages in research, consulting, and analysis in partnership with Wisconsin's leading public and private sector policy makers in health and health care, focusing especially on cost, financing, access, and quality.
- 3. Program Evaluation:** Conducts evaluation projects in public health, substance abuse prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, geriatric services and related areas.

- 4. Outreach Education:** Connects the Institute to the public health and health care community in the state through seminars, conferences, training programs, and an active website.

Cross-Cutting Themes

- 1. Service Learning for Students:** Serves as a population health 'laboratory' for learning, where students apply their skills to real-world issues.
- 2. American Indian Research:** Builds and maintains research and service initiatives with Wisconsin's American Indian communities and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC).
- 3. Community Partnerships:** Through an active community advisory board, the Institute fosters strong partnerships between the UW and population health practitioners and policy makers.

Our progress during 2006 could not have been achieved without the ongoing contributions of the members of our community Advisory Board and support from The Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.



Patrick Remington, MD MPH, Director



D. Paul Moberg, PhD, Deputy Director



David Kindig, MD PhD, Senior Advisor



Applied Population Health Research

Wisconsin County Health Rankings

The Institute published the 4th annual Wisconsin County Health Rankings in 2006. These annual reports provide county-level indices of population health in order to stimulate discussion among policy makers in Wisconsin's communities. The Rankings attracted considerable attention with widespread media coverage throughout the state including a segment on Wisconsin Public Radio, articles in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and other newspapers across the State. A one-page commentary about the Rankings was also included in the national publication, UnitedHealth Foundation's America's Health Rankings.

Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State

With funding from the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future, the goal of this project is to identify the most effective investments for Wisconsin to become the nation's healthiest state with less health disparity. The first phase of the project involved measuring health and health disparities across multiple domains such as geography, education, and race and ethnicity. We are also examining the relationships between health determinants and outcomes within Wisconsin and across other states. In the second phase of the project, we are collecting evidence-based recommendations for policies and interventions that would feasibly and efficiently lead Wisconsin to become "the healthiest state."



Bridget Booske, PhD, Director

Description: The Institute monitors health outcomes, determinants, and disparities in Wisconsin communities to inform health policy, program planning, and evaluation. The program provides opportunities for population health graduate students to engage in the analysis, interpretation, and communication of health data to Wisconsin's practice community.

Primary Partners: State and local public health agencies and policy makers.

Major Projects

- Wisconsin County Health Rankings, including signature glossy publication, County Snapshots, Full Report, and other supporting web-based materials
- Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State Project

- Health of Wisconsin Report Card (planning for 2007)
- Brief Reports on methods used in population health
- Survey of Wisconsin residents on population health and health disparity issues
- Began designing a web site to introduce students and policy makers to the field of population health
- Worked with State Health Plan Committee to measure progress toward overall Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 goals





Service Learning for Students



D. Paul Moberg, Bridget Booske, Melissa Boeke, Peter Vila, Anna Kocharian, Kim Brown, Jessica Athens. Carissa Gottlie

Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program

This two-year fellowship program provides up to ten recent masters level graduates each year with service and training opportunities in community based, non-profit, governmental and health service organizations. The primary goal of the Fellowship Program is to develop the next generation of public health practitioners skilled in planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health programs.

Description: Each of the Institute's programs provides students the opportunity to "learn while doing." This focus on service learning adds to coursework that students take in the Population Health MS/PhD program, or in applied coursework offered as part of the Master of Public Health (MPH) program. The Institute serves as a population health 'laboratory' for learning, where students apply their skills to real-world issues and, in turn, have an opportunity to publish results as Issue Briefs, in the Wisconsin Medical Journal, or in national publications.

Major Partners: State and local health and health care leaders who provide service learning opportunities for students working in the Institute, or for fellows in the Population Health Practice Fellowship.



Population Health Fellows

2006 Graduate Student Assistants

Jessica Athens, MS
Melissa Boeke
Sara Busarow, MD
Carissa Gottlieb
Angela Kempf, MS
Anna Kocharian
Casey Schuman
Kelly Stolzmann
Melissa Umland
Peter Vila
Daniel Zank

2006 Population Health Practice Fellows

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DeAnnah Byrd, MPH
David Garcia, MPH
Benjamin Jones, MPH
Matthew Landis, MS
Casey Schumann, MS
Sabrina Smiley, MPH
Jessica Tobin, MPH
Melissa Umland Olson, MS
PaChia Vue, MPH



Health Policy Program

Governor Doyle's eHealth Quality and Patient Safety Board

The Institute convened the Kick-Off Summit, with 200 participants in May 2006, for developing Wisconsin's eHealth Action Plan. After the Summit, Institute staffed the eHealth Board's Finance Workgroup and Consumer Interests Workgroup, prepared final reports in each of these arenas, convened a Consumer Interest Listening Session and collaborated with the Department of Health and Family Services staff in preparing Wisconsin's 5-Year eHealth Action Plan.

Evidence-Based Health Policy Project

The Population Health Institute, the La Follette School of Public Affairs, and the Wisconsin Legislative Council have formed a partnership to deliver relevant, timely research in formats that are accessible to policymakers. The project provides venues for non-partisan consideration among academic, industry, and government sector leaders. During 2006, we:

- Secured grant funding and sponsorship from Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future and the UW Chancellor's Office.
- Attained media coverage and engaged broad-based stakeholder interest.
- Planned and co-sponsored legislative seminar, in collaboration with Wisconsin Family Impact Seminars, on "Affordable Strategies to Cover the Uninsured: New Approaches from Other States."



Health Policy Program, Donna Friedsam, MPH, Director
Sara Gustafson, Donna Friedsam, Alison Bergum, Peter Vila

Description: This program connects the Institute and the UWSMPH to Wisconsin's leading public and private sector health policy makers in the public health and health care arenas, with particular focus on cost, financing, access, and quality. Evidence and analyses are communicated through Issue Briefs, consultancies, periodic conferences and health policy forums, and direct collaborations with partners.

Primary Partners: Legislators, executive agency leadership and staff, health care purchasing and payer organizations, and provider associations.

Major Activities

- In partnership with the Department of Health and Family Services, prepared Wisconsin's 5-year Action Plan for eHealth Quality and Patient Safety
- Launched the Evidence-Based Health Policy Project
- Lead staff on the Health Insurance Privacy and Security Collaborative focusing on HIPAA and other matters relevant to the exchange of electronic health records
- Produced Legislative Seminar on new state approaches to expanding coverage
- Served on BadgerCare Plus (BC+) committee and continued consultation with Healthy Living working group
- Dr. David Kindig co-chaired the Governor's Healthy Wisconsin Council, which was charged with developing recommendations for a reinsurance pool and other approaches for containing health insurance premium costs

American Indian Tribal-Academic Partnerships



Institute staff members have lead responsibility, on behalf of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, for building and maintaining research and service initiatives with Wisconsin's American Indian communities and the Great Lakes Native American Research Center for Health (GLNARCH). The Institute provides technical assistance, training, and evaluation services for programs that address maternal and child health, substance abuse, and the delivery of health care services.

The following projects were ongoing in 2006:

- Continued to convene and lead UW Native American Health Work Group.
- Represented the UW School of Medicine and Public Health in the Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) partnership with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.
- Provided evaluation services for the NARCH Student Development Program and the Middle School Component (part of the Tribal Academic Partnership for American Indian Health, funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Fund).
- Developed evaluation plans and student survey instruments, summarized student feedback forms, and presented evaluation workshops.
- Continued the evaluation of GLITC's Honoring Our Children project, ongoing since 1998. HOC provides outreach, health education, case management, and consortia building to reduce infant mortality and improve maternal and child health in Wisconsin tribal communities.
- Contributed to a successful grant proposal that will fund expansion of Honoring Our Children, in American Indian tribal communities and in Milwaukee's urban Indian population.
- Consulted on the process evaluation of Healthy Children Strong Families, an obesity prevention program for 3 to 5 year old children in 3 tribal communities, funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Fund to GLITC and the Department of Family Medicine.
- Our annual American Indian Health and Science Symposium offers a statewide gathering to advance and raise the visibility of many excellent research, education, and service projects involving the UW and Wisconsin's American Indian communities.



GLNARCH

We have joined with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and Wisconsin's tribal and urban Indian clinics through the National Institutes of Health (NIH)- and Indian Health Service-supported Great Lakes Native American Research Center for Health (GLNARCH). A joint Memorandum of Understanding governs this relationship, based on collaboration, tribal self-determination, and respect for tribal sovereignty. This partnership includes several research projects, ranging from preventing childhood obesity to cancer surveillance, and a student development component aimed toward bringing American Indian youth into the sciences and health professions.





Program Evaluation

Wisconsin State Health Plan Evaluation

The Institute partnered with the Department of Health and Family Services to assess Wisconsin's progress towards 'Transforming Wisconsin's public health system,' one of the three overarching goals cited in the 2010 State Health Plan. This assessment included a focused effort to understand what "transformation" means, in-depth interviews with 21 key informants representing a cross-section of the state's public health system, and an on-line survey of public health stakeholders. The evaluation discovered two distinct views about transformation:

- *A change to the process of public health—with new partnerships and programs*
- *A change in the focus on health outcomes and their determinants (health care, health behaviors, social and economic factors, and the physical environment).*

Evaluation of Correctional Behavioral Health Programs

The Institute provides technical assistance to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections in the evaluation of correctional programs, particularly in the area of behavioral health. This State/University partnership has included assistance in the development of several substance abuse treatment programs, and the evaluation of their effectiveness. These programs have targeted (a) offenders dually diagnosed with both substance use and mental health disorders, (b) female offenders through the creation of therapeutic communities, (c) offenders with educational and/or vocational needs, and (d) non-violent offenders with substance abuse treatment needs.



Row 1: Kit VanStelle, Lori Hahn, Barbara Hill, Row 2: Tim Connor, Charlanne FitzGerald, Alison Bergum, Robert Rancourt, Back Row: D. Paul Moberg, PhD, Director

Description: Formerly the Center for Health Policy and Program Evaluation, this unit conducts evaluations of programs in public health and human services. The evaluation group also maintains directly funded evaluation research projects, evaluating intervention programs with experimental and quasi-experimental designs.

Primary Partners: Community, tribal and governmental organizations, and UW researchers, with a focus on substance abuse prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, and geriatric services.

Examples of the services provided:

- Developing a range of evaluation designs and needs assessments
- Monitoring program services (e.g., measuring progress in reaching program objectives)
- Developing data collection methods and survey instruments
- Conducting qualitative research, including content analysis, intensive interviews, focus groups and site visits
- Conducting statistical analysis of data from surveys and program-specific data sets
- Leading discussions to use evaluation findings for program improvement



Partnerships Across Wisconsin

The “Wisconsin Idea” envisions close working relationships throughout the State of Wisconsin, such that “the beneficent influence of the university reaches every family in the state.”

Institute staff members regularly engage with colleagues and partners in programs, applied research, program evaluation, committees, consulting, proposal development and other activities. These partnerships, some funded, some in-kind, and some simply collegial, include entities in the public and private sector as well as in other departments and centers within the University. Institute participation may be based in grants and contracts, in-kind commitments, or collegiality. The list below provides a selected view of the myriad organizations with which Institute staff collaborated and/or consulted in 2006.

Public/Governmental Agencies

- Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services
 - Division of Public Health
 - Division of Disability and Elder Services
- Wisconsin Legislative Council
- Wisconsin Department of Corrections
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds
- National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Sawyer County Department of Health and Human Services
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Private and Not-for-Profit Agencies

- Alliance Employer Health Care Cooperative and Alliance Foundation
- Aurora Health Care, Inc.
- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- United Way of Dane County, WI
- UW Medical Foundation
- Wisconsin Education Association
- Wisconsin Hospital Association
- Wisconsin Medical Society
- Wisconsin Nursing Association
- Intertribal Council of Michigan
- Wisconsin Association of Drug Court Professionals

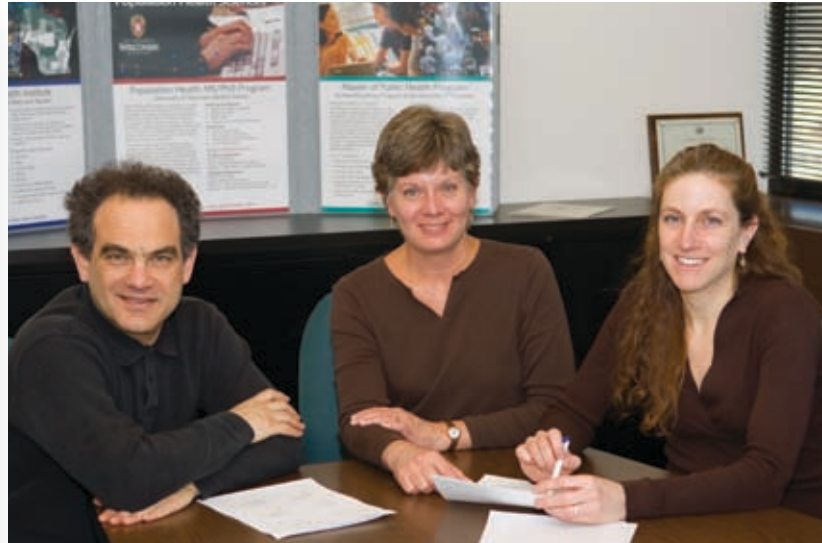




Outreach Education and Training Program

Community Teams Program

Participants in the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute's Community Teams Program are reporting important changes. From enhanced coalition functioning to improvements in statewide data collection systems, team members report progress that would not have been possible had they not been part of the program. The five teams participating in 2006-2007 are: the Barron County Safe and Stable Families Coalition, Healthy People Portage County, the La Crosse Area Dental Advocacy Coalition, the Milwaukee Partnership for Reducing Adolescent Risky Sexual Behavior, and the Wisconsin LGBT Youth Health Initiative.



David Ahrens, Peggy Ore, Marion Ceraso, MHS, Director

Description: The outreach program connects the Institute to the public health and health care community in the state through seminars, conferences, training programs and an active website. These programs are supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future.

Major Partners: A diversity of organizations and individuals working to improve the health of the State of Wisconsin.

Examples of Activities

- Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program
- First Monday Seminar Series
- Annual Population Health Conferences

Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute

The mission of this joint program of the UW SMPH and the Medical College of Wisconsin is to enhance the skills and leadership capacity of the state's public health workforce.

- Community Teams Program:

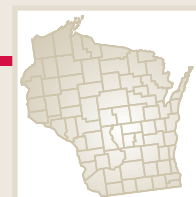
A year-long program focused on building skills and knowledge in collaborative leadership

- Health Policy Program:

A continuing education program that aims to increase individual and community capacity to understand and change local, regional and state policies that impact the public's health.

- Lifelong Learning and Mentoring Program:

Learning opportunities for Wisconsin community and public health system workforce leaders interested in continuing their professional development



Conferences, Seminars, and Other Events



Governor Jim Doyle speaking at an e-Health conference.

Monthly Seminars

Susan Linn, Ed.D, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. "Commercial Calories: Food Marketing to Children" February 6, 2006.

Panel of Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future Grantees. "Local Success Stories in Violence Prevention" March 6, 2006.

Howard Frumkin, MD, DrPH, National Center for Environmental Health, CDC. "Urban Sprawl and Public Health" April 3, 2006.

Curt Gielow, Wisconsin State Assembly Representative. "Is Healthcare Reform Achievable? A View from the State Capitol" May 1, 2006.

Ellen Daley, PhD, MPH, University of South Florida College of Public Health. "Psycho-Social Impact of an HPV Diagnosis" October 2, 2006.

Richard A. Goodman, MD, JD, MPH, CDC Public Health Law Program. "Public Health and the Law: from Malaria to Mens Rea" October 30, 2006.

David R. Williams, PhD. Harvard School of Public Health. "Race, Racism and Health" December 4, 2006.

Institute-Sponsored Conferences

Governor's E-Health Care Stakeholder Kick-Off: Action Planning Forum to Develop Wisconsin's 5-Year Action Plan for eHealth Quality and Patient Safety. Fluno Center, Madison. May 5, 2006.

Wisconsin site for National Webcast and On-line Town Hall Meeting of U.S. Citizens Health Care Working Group, in collaboration with 22 Universities nationally, UW Health Sciences Learning Center, March 22, 2006.

Representative Presentations

Booske B. Remington PL, Kindig DA. "Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State: Measuring Burden of Disease" Population Health Sciences Monday Seminar Series September 18, 2006.

Friedsam, D. Helping Consumers Purchase for Price and Quality. Presentation at the National Academy for State Health Policy 19th Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. October 2006.

Hill BL. Poster, "Wisconsin Injury Prevention Coalitions: Translating Evidence into Practice", presented at a thematic poster session at the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Conference, May 2006 in Minneapolis, MN.

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UW Executive Committee

“The Population Health Institute supports the mission of our newly integrated School of Medicine and Public Health by providing an opportunity for university faculty, staff, and students to closely examine the process of translating public health and health policy programs into practice.

Working with its government and community partners, the Institute is uniquely poised to become a focal point for the translation of scientific discovery in the fields of population medicine and public health into effective and evidence-based strategies--to improve the health of communities and reduce health disparities throughout Wisconsin.”

F. Javier Nieto
Department of Population Health Sciences
Professor, Population Health Sciences and
Family Medicine



F. Javier Nieto, Chair, Department of Population Health Sciences

The Executive Committee provides guidance to the Director on the performance of Institute, reviewing goals and objectives and evaluating accomplishments through this annual report.

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Micah Shuck, Program Assistant

Kit Van Stelle, MA, Researcher



Selected Publications

Brief Reports

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Issue Briefs

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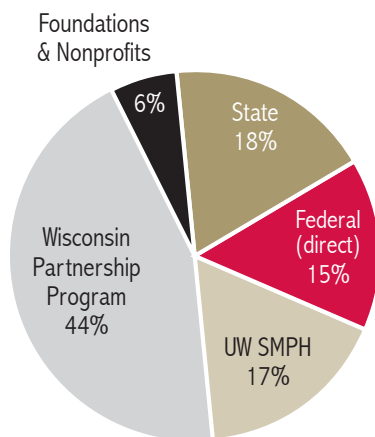
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Budget

During 2006 the Institute had a total budget of approximately \$2.17 million. This funding was from a diverse mix of sources, including the Wisconsin Partnership Programs (Blue Cross/Blue Shield conversion), Wisconsin state agencies, federal agencies, core funds from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, and several foundation and other non-profit sources. The following graph summarizes funding source as percent of total:



A. State Agencies

WI Division of Public Health (\$247,000)

- System-Based Diabetes Prevention and Control Program
- Evidence-Based Practices & Monitoring for Healthiest Wisconsin 2010
- WI Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention Initiative
- InfoLinks eHealth Project
- Health Insurance Privacy and Security Project (New)

Wisconsin Division of Disability and Elder Services (\$30,000)

- State Epi Outcomes Workgroup
- Mental Health Program Evaluation Services (New)
- Screening, Brief intervention Referral and Treatment Program (New)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (\$69,000)

- HIV/AIDS/STI Abstinence Programs
- Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Data Improvement Project
- Evaluation of Movin' Schools Program

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (\$38,000)

- Earned Release Program (New)
- Treatment and Diversion Program (New)

B. Federal Funding (\$315,000/direct)

- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention and Surveillance (CDC)
- Recovery Schools as Continuing Care for Adolescent Substance Abuse (NIDA)

C. UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Core SMPH Funds (\$379,000)

- Wisconsin County Health Rankings
- Issue Briefs and E-News
- Conferences and Seminars
- Native American Health
- Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA) Planning Grant

Wisconsin Partnership Programs (\$952,000)

- Population Health Fellowship Program
- Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute
- Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State
- Tribal Academic Partnership for American Indian Health
- Healthy Children Strong Families
- Wisconsin Injury Prevention Coalitions (subcontract from Medical College of Wisconsin's (MCW) program)

D. Foundations and other Nonprofit Sources

Great Lakes InterTribal Council (\$60,000)

- Native American Research Centers for Health
- Honoring Our Children—Healthy Start

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) (\$10,000)

- Evaluating the Impact of the National Tobacco Quitline Network (via CTRI)

United Way of Dane County (\$34,000)

- Healthcare Access Pilot—Evaluation Component
- Evaluating the Impact of the National Tobacco Quitline Network (via Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention)

Sawyer County, WI (\$30,000)

- Evaluation of Sawyer County Drug Court

United Way of Dane County (\$50,000)

- Healthcare Access Pilot—Evaluation Component

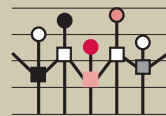


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